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of  
Royal Arch Masons  
of Alberta  
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GRAND CHAPTER OF ALBERTA

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## To Scribes E.

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### PLEASE OBSERVE AND COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING:

Acknowledge to the Grand Scribe E. the *receipt* of the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter—these are the property of the Chapter.

The financial year of Subordinate Chapters *ends* the 31st *December*, and Scribes E. are required to forward their returns to the Grand Scribe E. before the 31st of January. (See Sub-section 1, Clause 214—Constitution.)

*All* cheques should be made PAYABLE AT PAR at Calgary.

Write the names of Companions *in full*, plainly, in the returns so that there may be no errors in filling out the Grand Chapter Certificate. Also see that the AGE, OCCUPATION and PLACE OF RESIDENCE are not omitted. Where deaths are included, THE DATE OF DECEASE should accompany the record.

Send a full list of the officers of your Chapter immediately after installation.

The list of Companions deleted *must be read out at the next Regular Convocation following the receipt of these Proceedings.*

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ARCHIBALD E. McCURDY  
*Grand First Principal, 1938*

## ARCHIBALD B. McCURDY

Grand First Principal

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### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

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*Archibald Bonnellie McCurdy was born October 3rd, 1874, at Sherbrooke, Quebec, and received his education in Sherbrooke and Montreal. His occupation is that of a Builder and Contractor.*

*He was wedded to Mary Wallace in September, 1919, and to this union was born one daughter, Patricia Noreen.*

*He was made a Mason in Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 63, G.R.Q., Sherbrooke, Quebec, later affiliating with Dominion Lodge, No. 116, G.R.A., serving as Worshipful Master in 1928, and District Deputy Grand Master in 1933-34.*

*Exalted to the Holy Royal Arch Degree, December 22nd, 1908, in North Star Chapter, No. 118, G.R.C., now No. 2, G.R.A. First Principal, 1928; Grand Registrar, 1929; Grand Superintendent, 1930; Grand J., 1936; Grand H., 1937, and Grand Z., 1938. Serving as Scribe E. of his Chapter since 1934.*

*He was admitted to Edmonton Preceptory, No. 46, Knight Templars, November 29th, 1929, serving as Presiding Preceptor in 1936.*

*In Municipal affairs he served as Councillor for one year.*

*"Archie", as his name denotes, is of Scottish ancestry, his forebears coming to Canada about 1750, and has a pleasing, kindly personality. He is known to all his associates as "Archie". He displays considerable ability as a composer and reader of original "Habitant" poems, with which, on many occasions, he has delighted his Companions at the social hour after Chapter and District Chapter Meetings.*

*As the above indicates, throughout his year of office he has emphasized greater social activities on the part of the Companions.*

*It is our sincere wish that he may long be spared to serve his Chapter and Grand Chapter, and give us the benefit of his counsel.*



PROCEEDINGS  
*of the*  
Grand Chapter of  
Royal Arch Masons of Alberta  
*at the*  
Twenty-fifth  
**Annual Convocation**  
1939

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*Held in the*  
City of CALGARY, Alberta  
*May 29th and 30th, 1939*





*Nineteen Hundred and Thirty-nine*

# Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta

## *Twenty-fifth Annual Convocation* *Proceedings*

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Twenty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta, held in the City of Calgary, Province of Alberta, on the 29th and 30th days of May, A D. 1939, A.I. 2469.

### OFFICERS PRESENT

|                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| M. E. Comp. A. B. McCurdy    | Grand First Principal       |
| M. E. Comp. H. Sandilands    | Past Grand First Principal  |
| M. E. Comp. J. R. Flan       | Past Grand First Principal  |
| M. E. Comp. A. Davison       | Past Grand First Principal  |
| M. E. Comp. C. H. Minchin    | Past Grand First Principal  |
| M. E. Comp. J. V. Follett    | Past Grand First Principal  |
| M. E. Comp. Jas. A. McGhee   | Past Grand First Principal  |
| M. E. Comp. S. H. Middleton  | Past Grand First Principal  |
| M. E. Comp. E. G. Ironside   | Past Grand First Principal  |
| R. E. Comp. H. W. B. Bell    | Grand Second Principal      |
| R. E. Comp. W. H. Scott      | Grand Third Principal       |
| R. E. Comp. W. L. Sharp      | Grand Superintendent        |
| R. E. Comp. E. G. Lamb       | Grand Superintendent        |
| R. E. Comp. O. W. Harris     | Grand Superintendent        |
| R. E. Comp. L. W. Bond       | Grand Superintendent        |
| R. E. Comp. W. Marcellus     | Grand Superintendent        |
| R. E. Comp. R. Knox          | Grand Superintendent        |
| R. E. Comp. T. S. Jeffery    | Grand Treasurer             |
| R. E. Comp. C. A. MacPherson | Grand Scribe E. (Secretary) |
| R. E. Comp. W. Wilson        | Grand Principal Sojourner   |
| R. E. Comp. N. Luciw         | Grand Registrar             |
| M. E. Comp. J. R. Flan       | Grand Lecturer              |
| V. E. Comp. W. F. Solomon    | Grand Senior Sojourner      |
| V. E. Comp. A. E. Lockett    | Grand Junior Sojourner      |
| V. E. Comp. H. E. Kelley     | Grand Sword Bearer          |
| V. E. Comp. W. H. Matthews   | Grand Master 2nd Veil       |
| V. E. Comp. G. Allen         | Grand Tyler                 |

## **PRINCIPALS AND PAST PRINCIPALS PRESENT**

### **Alberta Chapter, No. 1**

Alex Anderson, Z.; Norman B. Williams, J.; Past Principals H. D. Fawcett, H. E. Kelley, Fred G. Young, C. H. Minchin, A. T. Spankie, F. J. Hand, J. A. McGhee, G. S. Draper, T. F. English.

### **North Star Chapter, No. 2**

Past Principals W. L. Sharp, A. B. McCurdy, G. E. Hutchinson.

### **Assiniboia Chapter, No. 3**

Past Principal G. F. Pauling.

### **Shekinah Chapter, No. 4**

Past Principal J. E. Rannard.

### **Golden West Chapter, No. 5**

A. L. Watkins, Z.; H. Shillam, H.; Past Principals J. F. Casteel, W. B. Way.

### **Bekah Chapter, No. 7**

Past Principal S. H. Middleton.

### **Kether Chapter, No. 8**

E. S. Plunkett, Z.; Past Principals W. Marcellus, Wm. Marcellus, T. J. Cumberland, W. Laidlaw, J. H. W. S. Kemmis.

### **Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9**

H. Bentley, Z.; S. Comba, H.; T. H. Cool, J.; Past Principals J. R. Flan, W. E. Mercer, J. V. Follett, C. A. MacPherson, C. Comba, G. Allen, A. Carr, C. Orr, P. A. Moncrieff, A. E. Lockett, F. Bentley.

### **Bow Valley Chapter, No. 10**

T. H. Beach, Z.; Past Principal R. P. Umbrite.

### **Calgary Chapter, No. 11**

T. H. Gold, Z.; Past Principals O. W. Harris, A. Davison, T. S. Jeffery, W. F. Solomon, E. G. Ironside.

### **Keystone Chapter, No. 12**

Past Principal A. G. Ayres.

### **Capital City Chapter, No. 13**

J. McPhee, Z.

### **Vermilion Chapter, No. 14**

Past Principal W. H. Scott.

**Hillvue Chapter, No. 15**

Past Principals G. E. Cruickshanks, J. R. Smith.

**Mount Olivet Chapter, No. 17**

Proxy W. L. Sharp.

**Norwood Chapter, No. 18**

Past Principals J. J. Clarke, N. Luciow.

**Hiram Chapter, No. 19**

D. Dishan, J.; Past Principals E. G. Lamb, P. A. Davie, W. S. Cummings, J. Rennie, J. E. McLeod.

**Banff Chapter, No. 20**

Proxy C. H. Minchin.

**Strathmore Chapter, No. 21**

A. L. Willians, Z.; Past Principals W. E. Mercer, H. W. B. Beil, L. W. Bond, A. Carr.

**Joseph Stauffer, Chapter No. 22**

Past Principals J. L. Clarke, J. A. McGhee, W. H. Matthews.

**Crescent Chapter, No. 24**

F. W. McJunkin, Z ; C. F. Dooley, J.; Past Principals C. A. MacPherson, R. C. Rankin, J. T. Burns.

**Strathcona Chapter, No. 25**

J. B. Cameron, Z.; Past Principals H. Sandilands, A. Robinson.

**Harmony Chapter, No. 26**

. Past Principals J. R. Flan, H. W. Ford.

**Eheyeh Chapter, No. 27**

L. A. Bennett, Z.; Past Principals J. R. Flan, K. Hansen, W. S. Cameron, W. A. Irving, J. V. Follett.

**David Thompson Chapter, No. 29**

Proxy R. Knox.

**Edson Chapter, No. 30**

R. W. Layng, H.; Past Principals R. Knox, W. Wilson.

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented by their qualified representatives, the Twenty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta was opened in AMPLE FORM at 10:30 o'clock a.m., May 29th, 1939.

On the motion of M. E. Companion C. H. Minchin, seconded by M. E. Companion H. Sandilands, it was

RESOLVED, that the reading of the Minutes of the last Convocation be dispensed with, they having been printed and distributed to the Chapters and others, and that the recorded Minutes be considered as read and the same be now confirmed.

### RECEPTION OF VISITORS

M. E. Companion W. E. Mercer was asked to retire and introduce M. E. Companion Charles E. Cole, Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter, R.A.M. of Manitoba, which he did in his usual courteous manner. The visitor was received with Grand Honors.

### CIVIC WELCOME

M. E. Companion Flan was asked to retire and introduce His Worship Mayor Davison, which he did in pleasing manner. M. E. Companion McCurdy:

Your Worship and M. E. Companion, it is a double pleasure for me to welcome you here this morning; first, as chief magistrate of this beautiful city; secondly, as being an honored and valued Past Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

We fully realize what a busy man you are especially so during the last few days and we appreciate accordingly your presence here with us, we hope that you will stay with us as long as you can. Will you please take your seat on the dias.

The Mayor:

M. E. Sir and Companions:

I appreciate your warm welcome to me this morning. For a number of years it has been my privilege to welcome the Grand Chapter to our city; I not only welcome you as the Mayor, but as one of yourselves.

I trust your Convocation will be a pleasant and profitable one, and if there is anything we can do to make your sojourn more pleasant while here, I assure you we will be only too pleased to do it.

## THE FOLLOWING GRAND REPRESENTATIVES WERE IN ATTENDANCE AT GRAND CHAPTER

Fraternal Greetings were extended to the Grand Chapter by the following Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions:

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| Arkansas . . . . .             | R. E. Comp. W. H. Scott.                         |
| British Columbia . . . . .     | M. E. Comp. H. Sandilands.                       |
| District of Columbia . . . . . | By letter from M. E. Comp. J. W.<br>G. Morrison. |
| Florida . . . . .              | R. E. Comp. G. E. Cruickshanks.                  |
| Idaho . . . . .                | R. E. Comp. R. Knox.                             |
| Illinois . . . . .             | R. E. Comp. R. C. Rankin.                        |
| Ireland . . . . .              | M. E. Comp. C. H. Minchin.                       |
| Kentucky . . . . .             | R. E. Comp. W. S. Cameron.                       |
| Maine . . . . .                | R. E. Comp. A. T. Spankie.                       |
| Maryland . . . . .             | M. E. Comp. W. E. Mercer.                        |
| Massachusetts . . . . .        | R. E. Comp. W. B. Way.                           |
| Michigan . . . . .             | M. E. Comp. J. R. Flan.                          |
| Minnesota . . . . .            | R. E. Comp. J. L. Clarke.                        |
| Mississippi . . . . .          | R. E. Comp. A. Robinson.                         |
| Missouri . . . . .             | R. E. Comp. C. A. MacPherson.                    |
| Nebraska . . . . .             | M. E. Comp. E. G. Ironside.                      |
| North Carolina . . . . .       | R. E. Comp. T. S. Jeffery.                       |
| Nova Scotia . . . . .          | R. E. Comp. P. A. Monerrief.                     |
| Oklahoma . . . . .             | M. E. Comp. J. V. Fillett.                       |
| Oregon . . . . .               | M. E. Comp. J. A. McGhee.                        |
| Pennsylvania . . . . .         | R. E. Comp. H. W. Ford.                          |
| Quebec . . . . .               | M. E. Comp. A. B. McCurdy.                       |
| Saskatchewan . . . . .         | M. E. Comp. A. Davison.                          |
| Scotland . . . . .             | M. E. Comp. S. H. Middleton.                     |
| South Dakota . . . . .         | R. E. Comp. H. W. B. Bell.                       |
| Texas . . . . .                | R. E. Comp. A. Carr.                             |
| Virginia . . . . .             | R. E. Comp. C. Comba.                            |
| West Virginia . . . . .        | R. E. Comp. F. J. Hand.                          |

Letters were received from R. E. Companions Mayer and Fielding, expressing their regrets at their inability to be present, R. E. Companion Fielding writing from the hospital, where he is confined with a broken leg.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Letters and telegrams conveying greetings and best wishes and expressing regret at their inability to be present were read from:

M. E. Companion J. W. G. Morrison, P.G.Z. of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

M. E. Companion J. E. Johnson, P.G.Z. of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

M. E. Companion W. L. Stockwell, Grand Chapter of North Dakota.

M. E. Companion Frank R. Graham, Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter of Wisconsin.

M. E. Companion William F. Weiler, Grand Secretary, Grand Chapter of Wisconsin.

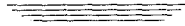


# King George the Sixth *and* Queen Elizabeth

In commemoration of Their Majesties' historical visit  
to Canada and the United States.



*By the Grace of God they rule, through the Crown,  
the most unique and powerful Empire in the history  
of the world. Over one-half billion human beings,  
of varying race, color, and religious creed, pay  
homage to the Crown. Thus it is Their Majesties  
constitute a personification of a high ideal under  
which democracies and free men, comprising the  
units of the Empire, may live.*





KING GEORGE VI. and QUEEN ELIZABETH

M. E. Companion Harry L. Peterson, Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter of Minnesota.

R. E. Companion John H. Anderson, Grand Secretary, Grand Chapter of Minnesota.

R. E. Companion Angus D. McCormick, Grand King, Grand Chapter of Minnesota.

R. E. Companion W. E. Pool, Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Minnesota.

R. E. Companion Edward E. Core, Grand Secretary, Grand Chapter of Illinois.

M. E. Companion F. C. Bird, Grand Scribe E., Grand Chapter of British Columbia.

E. Companion A. E. Haumerson our Grand Representative to the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin.

E. Companion R. V. Locey, our Grand Representative to the Grand Chapter of Idaho.

R. E. Companion W. W. Bell, P.G.S., Grand Chapter of Alberta.

E. Companion E. G. Ellerton, Z., Assiniboia Chapter, No. 3.

R. E. Companion F. J. Summerill, P.G.S., G.R.A.

R. E. Companion Geo. Syme, G.S.E., Grand Chapter of Manitoba.

M. E. Companion W. J. Edwards, our Grand Representative to the Grand Chapter of Quebec.

M. E. Companion J. E. Johnson wrote very interestingly of his recollections of the formation of the Grand Chapter, twenty-five years ago, mentioning some of the companions who have passed over: Companions Taylor, Patterson, Darling and Rankin; and, among those living, Companions English, Downey, Mercer, Watson and West, who were active in its formation.

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On the motion of M. E. Companion W. E. Mercer, seconded by M. E. Companion C. H. Minchin, it was

RESOLVED, that M. E. Companion Sandilands and M. E. Companion Follett prepare a resolution to be forwarded to their Majesties the King and Queen.

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Moved by R. E. Companion W. H. Scott, seconded by M. E. Companion Follett, and carried, that the correspondence be filed.

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Moved by M. E. Companion Sandilands and seconded by M. E. Companion Minchin, That a record of R. E. Companion Fielding's letter be placed in the Minutes. Carried.

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Moved by M. E. Companion Minchin, seconded by R. E. Companion Bell, That the Reports of Grand Treasurer and Grand Scribe E. be referred to the Committee on Audit and Finance. Carried.



**REPORT OF M. E. COMPANIONS SANDILANDS AND FOLLETT****Resolution**

During the past few days the Province of Alberta has been very greatly honoured and gratified in having celebrated an unique event in its history—the Royal Visit from Their Beloved and Most Gracious Majesties, King George VI and Queen Elizabeth.

Our loyalty has been intensified and our hearts thrilled as a result of this visit, and this Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons assembled in Calgary, Alberta, on May 29th. 1939, on the occasion of its twenty-fifth anniversary, wishes to express anew its unbounded devotion and loyalty to our Sovereign and all that he represents and signifies in Government, and with the hope that Their Majesties' further stay in our Province and Dominion will be one of great pleasure to them and that they will long be spared to reign over our Empire and enjoy health and happiness while so doing.

The above message was forwarded through the Mayor of Calgary, M. E. Companion Davison, to the King and the following reply was received:

Dear Mr. Mayor:

I have submitted to The King the copy of the resolution passed recently in Calgary at the annual meeting of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta, and am commanded to convey an expression of His Majesty's sincere appreciation of its terms.

Yours sincerely,

MICHAEL ADEANE.

# ADDRESS

## of the

## *Grand First Principal*

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To the Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of  
Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

My Dear Companions:

"Time marches on" is a phrase which we hear quite frequently nowadays: it is vividly brought to our minds today. We have arrived at the twenty-fifth milestone on the highway of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta as it marches on. A quarter of a century of toil, reward, pleasure and progress. To many who were members at its inception, doubtless the time appears very short indeed.

At this juncture it is my pleasant duty to welcome most heartily each and every one of you; the Old Timers who have guided fearlessly and determinedly the destinies of this Grand Chapter through the past years of wars, rumors of wars and depressions; and to the younger members who are with us today perhaps for the first time, who will, and must of necessity, soon take hold the torch and carry on as did their forerunners. I hope that all will enter into the spirit of the occasion wholeheartily, profit by, and enjoy this Convocation and Twenty-fifth Anniversary Celebration to the fullest.

I pray that the hand of the Most High will guide us in all our work and that much good will accrue from our deliberations.

### NECROLOGY

It is proper and fitting that we lay down our working tools, and pause for a brief moment to render a tribute of respect to the memory of our beloved Companions, who, since we last met in Convocation, have answered the summons and passed through the White Veil, into the enjoyment of Life Eternal, there to receive from the hand of Him, who rules Supreme, the reward promised to all those who obey His divine commands.

*"Sleep on Companions! till the waking day;  
And ever we who loved thy presence here  
Will keep for thee through changes manifold,  
A tender memory, growing with the years."*

To those who mourn their loved ones gone before, we extend our deepest sympathy; may the Great Jehovah comfort and support them in their dark hour.

A detailed report will be submitted by the Committee on Fraternal Dead.

### DISTRICT MEETINGS

Early in September I arranged dates with the several Grand Superintendents for the six District Meetings. I am pleased to say that I was able to attend each of these, and was privileged to address the

Companions. The attendance was not such as one would wish, several Chapters not being represented; nevertheless, I doubt not that some good was accomplished. Each Chapter should earnestly endeavour, in future, to see that it is represented by one or more Companions.

The first of these meetings was held on October 19th., District No. 2 at Hanna, under the able direction of R. E. Companion E. G. Lamb, Grand Superintendent, who welcomed me as Grand Z. I was accompanied on that occasion by M. E. Companion J. R. Flan, G. L.; R. E. Companion H. W. Bell, G.H.; R. E. Companion Cyril A. MacPherson, G. S. E., and R. E. Companion W. L. Sharp, Grand Superintendent of District No. 1. There were about fifty Companions present all Chapters represented with but one exception. Questions on the "Work" in the several degrees were answered by M. E. Companion Flan, G. L., in his own inimitable manner. Ex. Companion Irving and his officers of Eheyeh Chapter, No. 27, conferred the H. R. A. Degree in an exemplary manner. All present, including the candidate, were very much impressed. E. Companion Irving was chosen, unanimously, as Grand Superintendent of this District for 1939-40. A very pleasing event took place when, as a token of the love and esteem of the Companions and in appreciation of his work over a long period, M. E. Companion J. R. Flan was presented with Life Membership in Eheyeh Chapter. A sumptuous banquet brought to close a successful meeting.

On Thursday, October 20th, the annual meeting of District No. 1 was held in Acacia Masonic Hall, South Edmonton. R. E. Companion W. L. Sharp, Grand Superintendent, presiding, and some seventy-five members being present. I was presented by R. E. Companion O. J. Barker and received a very warm welcome; I had quite an escort—M. E. Companions Sandilands, Coote and Downey; R. E. Companions Bradford, Luciow, Mayer, Hill, Robinson, Clevely and Barclay, and V. E. Companion Dunn.

No work was exemplified but several questions of importance were answered by M. E. Companion Sandilands. Three country Chapters were not represented. V. E. Companion J. A. Dunn of Strathcona Chapter, No. 25, was elected Grand Superintendent for 1939-40. An enjoyable hour was spent in the Banquet Hall.

Saturday, October 22nd, some 20 members of the four city Chapters motored to Edson, where District No. 6 held its meeting. R. E. Companion Robert Knox, Grand Superintendent of the District was in charge and, after the meeting was opened, I was warmly received by him and the Companions. I was accompanied on this occasion by M. E. Companion Sandilands, R. E. Companions Barclay, Bradford, Clevely; V. E. Companion Grieve, Dunn and Wilson. Parts of degrees were exemplified by the officers of District Chapters. Many questions were asked and answered. Ex. Companion J. J. Clark of Norwood Chapter, No. 18, was elected unanimously to be Grand Superintendent of District No. 6 for 1939-40. One Chapter was not represented. The ladies of the O.E.S. served a splendid banquet at the close of the meeting which, with the entertainment, everyone fully appreciated.

District Meeting of District No. 5 was held at Pincher Creek, October 26th, R. E. Companion H. W. Bell, G.H., was kind enough to drive M. E. Companion J. R. Flan, G. L., R. E. Companion C. A. MacPherson, G. S. E., and myself down from Calgary. After the opening of the Chapter by officers of Kether Chapter, No. 8, R. E. Companion Wm. Marcellus welcomed us in a very cordial manner.

Questions were answered by M. E. Companion J. R. Flan. Three chapters were not represented but there were about 40 members present and the meeting was very interesting and profitable. I had the pleasure of meeting Kether Chapters' youngest member at the banquet, he had not then received his H.R.A. Degree, Companion Gray—86-1/2 years young. The ladies of the O.E.S. served one of their banquets for which they are justly famous all over the southern part of the Jurisdiction. It is hardly necessary to say everyone who participated had a real good time. Ex. Companion J. R. Smith of Hillvue Chapter was elected as Grand Superintendent, District No. 5, for 1939-40.

Districts No. 3 and 4 held a joint meeting in King George Temple, Calgary, on November 10th. Even in view of the fact that one of the worst blizzards of the season was raging and which prevented the outside chapters and R. E. Companion L. W. Bond, Grand Superintendent of District No. 4 from being present. About 60 members defied the storm and attended. R. E. Companion O. W. Harris, Grand Superintendent of District No. 3, had charge of the meeting and welcomed me in the name of the two districts, most cordially. I was introduced by R. E. Companion Verge and accompanied by M. E. Companions Flan, Mercer, Minchin; R. E. Companions Bell, G.H., R. E. Companion C. A. MacPherson, G.S.E., V. E. Companion O. E. Luckett, G.J.S. There was no work exemplified, but numerous questions were answered by M. E. Companion J. R. Flan in his usual able manner. Ex. Companions A. G. Ayres and Kelly were elected as Grand Superintendents of Districts 3 and 4 respectively. A splendid banquet and entertainment followed.

#### GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS

No Grand First Principal ever had better co-operation, loyalty and support at all times, than I have had from these Right Excellent Companions, who worked hard and faithfully in the discharge of their duties, not only visiting the chapters in their own District at least once, but in other Districts also, thus giving support to each other. I extend to each of them my sincerest thanks, and I shall be grateful if the "Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry" will recommend that this Grand Chapter confer the rank of Past Grand Superintendent on

- R. E. Companion Wm. L. Sharp, District No. 1, Edmonton.
- R. E. Companion Ed. G. Lamb, District No. 2, Youngstown.
- R. E. Companion O. W. Harris, District No. 3, Calgary.
- R. E. Companion Leroy W. Bond, District No. 4, Irricana.
- R. E. Companion Wm. Marcellus, District No. 5, Pincher Creek.
- R. E. Companion Robt. Knox, District No. 6, Edson.

#### RULINGS

I am pleased to state that I have not been called on to make any decisions during the year, harmony prevailing throughout the jurisdiction.

#### DISPENSATIONS

Alberta Chapter, No. 1—To change date of Regular Convocation in October.

Alberta Chapter, No. 1—To change date of Regular Convocation in January; and install one as Second Principal, who had not served as Third Principal.

- Shekinah Chapter, No. 4—To elect and install out of time.  
 Shekinah Chapter, No. 4—To change date of Regular Convocation.  
 Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 6—To change date of Regular Convocation.  
 Golden West Chapter, No. 5—To change date of Regular Convocation.  
 Bow Valley Chapter, No. 10—To install out of time.  
 Banff Chapter, No. 20—To change date of Regular Convocation.  
 Crescent Chapter, No. 24—To change date of Regular Convocation.  
 Otuskwaw Chapter, No. 9—To change date of Regular Convocation.  
 Otuskwaw Chapter, No. 9—To hold a Joint Installation with Calgary Chapter, No. 11.  
 Eheyeh Chapter, No. 27—To exalt a serving Companion.  
 Eheyeh Chapter, No. 27—To change date of Regular Convocation.  
 Mount Olivet Chapter, No. 17—To elect and install out of time.  
 Keystone Chapter, No. 12—To exalt before time.

#### **AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS APPROVED**

- Alberta Chapter, No. 1—To reduce fee for exaltation from \$50.00 to \$35.00  
 Hillvue Chapter, No. 15—To change day of Regular Convocation from the Third Tuesday to the Third Friday.  
 Crescent Chapter, No. 24—To increase annual dues from \$4.00 to \$5.00.

#### **GRAND REPRESENTATIVES**

The following names were recommended by me, as Grand Representatives in this Jurisdiction and approved by the respective Jurisdictions:

- Grand Chapter of Iowa—R. E. Companion V. W. Wright.  
 Grand Chapter of New Zealand—R. E. Companion Frank Mayer.  
 Grand Chapter of Victoria—R. E. Companion John D. Barclay.  
 Grand Chapter of Washington—V. E. Companion Geo. Grieve.

I approved the appointments of the following as Representatives of this Grand Chapter near other Grand Chapters:

- Grand Chapter of Alabama—Ex. Companion M. Harvey Kidd.  
 Grand Chapter of Arkansas—Ex. Companion J. W. Best.  
 Grand Chapter of New York—Ex. Companion Richard Marlowe.  
 Grand Chapter of District of Columbia—Ex. Companion George E. Stiles.  
 Grand Chapter of South Carolina—Ex. Companion Oliver Pennington.

#### **VISITATIONS**

I was unable to visit as many of the constituent Chapters as I would have liked, especially in the southern part of the Jurisdiction, however, I was present at the District Meetings and there had the opportunity of meeting many companions from all over the Province.

My chief object was to keep the expenses of the Grand Chapter's funds well within the budget, therefore, I trust the Companions of Chapters I did not visit will forgive my seeming neglect.

My first official visit was to Norwood Chapter, No. 18, on June 2nd, 1938. I was accompanied by M. E. Companions Downey and Sandilands, R. E. Companions Bradford, Luciow and Mayer, being presented to the Companions assembled by R. E. Companion George Blyth. Ex. Companion John E. Hall, First Principal, welcomed me most warmly. The M.M.M. Degree was conferred on one candidate by Ex. Companion Hall and his officers very impressively.

I installed the officers in my own Chapter, North Star, No. 2, on December 2nd, assisted by R. E. Companion Baxter; and I attended every meeting throughout the year.

Also, I had the pleasure of installing the officers in Norwood, December 3rd, 1938, and was assisted by R. E. Companion Ernest Ward.

It was a great privilege for me to attend a Joint Installation of the officers of Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9, and Calgary Chapter, No. 11, held in King George Masonic Temple, Calgary, on the evening of January 11th, 1939. On this occasion I was accompanied by M. E. Companions Flan, Ironside, Mercer, and Minchin, P.G.Z.; R.E. Companions Bell, G.H., Jeffery, G. Treas., Macpherson, G.S.E., Bond, Grand Superintendent, District No. 4, and V. E. Companion A. E. Lockett, G.J.S. M. E. Companion J. R. Flan was Installing Principal with M. E. Companion Ironside as D. of C. It was a pleasure to witness this important ceremony conducted by these M., E. Companions. At the conclusion we partook of a banquet at which M. E. Companion Mercer was toastmaster. There was a splendid programme, which concluded a very outstanding meeting.

On January 12th some 30 Companions of the four City Chapters of Calgary motored to Strathmore. This was also the occasion of the Installation of Officers. Accompanying me were M. E. Companions Flan and Mercer; R. E. Companions Bell, MacPherson and Sandy Carr. We were welcomed by R. E. Companion Leroy Bond, Grand Superintendent, District No. 4, and the Companions assembled. This is the Home Chapter of the Grand Second Principal, R. E. Companion Harold Bell, and it was he who installed the officers, assisted by M. E. Companions Flan and Mercer. Needless to say the ceremony was well done. We were entertained at a banquet afterwards and a most pleasant hour was enjoyed.

Together with M. E. Companion Coote; R. E. Companion W. I. Sharp and Companion H. Baird, I officially visited Keystone Chapter, No. 12, Red Deer, on January 24th, 1939. A pleasant surprise was to find that M. E. Companions Flan and Mercer; R. E. Companions Bell, Carr and Bond had motored from Calgary to be with us. All the above Companions accompanied me when I entered the Chapter Room being introduced by R. E. Companion Stephenson and welcomed most heartily by Ex. Companion Dr. Bunn, First Principal. On this occasion I was honored by the Companions of Keystone when they asked me to install the officers, which I did, with the able assistance of R. E. Companion Stephenson. All the above mentioned Companions spoke when called on by the new First Principal, Ex. Companion Stewart. After the meeting we adjourned to the Club Cafe and enjoyed a banquet.

It was with great regret that I was unable to attend the 25th Anniversary of Keystone Chapter held at Sylvan Lake in April.

Officially I visited Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 6, Wetaskiwin, January 25th. I was accompanied by M. E. Companion Sandilands; R. E. Companion W. L. Sharp, and V. E. Companion James A. Dunn. Again I was invited to act as Installing Principal and was very pleased to do so, being well assisted by M. E. Companion Sandilands, V. E. Companion Dunn and R. E. Companion Sharp. We were well entertained by the Companions of Mount Horeb at a banquet after the Chapter closed.

On February 16th I visited, officially, Strathcona Chapter, No. 25, when the M.M.M. Degree was conferred on one candidate by Ex. Companion Jos. B. Cameron and the regular officers. Accompanying me were M. E. Companions Sharp, Luciw, Brandford, Robinson, Mercer and V. E. Companion Dunn, and, after being presented by R. E. Companion O. J. Barker, I was warmly welcomed by Ex. Companion Cameron and the Companions. An hour at the banquet table closed a pleasant evening.

On March 30th I again visited Norwood Chapter, the occasion being somewhat unique when the H.R.A. Degree was conferred on two candidates with M. E. Companion Downey, acting "Z."; M. E. Companion Sandilands, acting "H."; myself, acting "J."; M. E. Companion West, acting "S.E."; M. E. Companion Coote, acting "P.S.", and the rest of the chairs filled by Grand Chapter Officers, past and present. The degree work was impressive and well done. One of Norwood's special banquets was enjoyed at the finish of the meeting.

On April 11th, together with M. E. Companion Sandilands, R. E. Companion Sharp, and V. E. Companion Dunn, I paid an official visit to Vermilion Chapter, No. 14. This is the home Chapter of M. E. Companion J. W. G. Morrison, P.G.Z., and R. E. Companion Dr. W. Hudson Scott, Grand Third Principal. Interesting discussions on different phases of Capitular Masonry was the business of the evening and I feel that much good resulted from the round table talk.

April 13th was the date when I paid an official visit to Capital City Chapter, No. 13. I was accompanied by R. E. Companions Bradford, Luciw, Mayer, McLean, McWhirter, Clevely and Campbell, and, after being presented by R. E. Companion Walter Hill, I was given a whole hearted welcome by Ex. Companion John McPhee and the Companions. After the meeting we adjourned to the dining hall where a special banquet was served and a pleasant hour spent. Everyone enjoyed himself to the full both mentally and materially.

I went to Lethbridge on April 16th to pay an official visit to Shekinah Chapter, No. 4. I was heartily welcomed by Ex. Companion O'Meara, First Principal, and the Companions, after being introduced by V. E. Companion Livingstone. With me on this occasion were R. E. Companions Rannard, Cull and Redpath; R. E. Companion T. A. Montgomery of Assinaboia Chapter, Medicine Hat, R. E. Companion J. Cumberland of Kether Chapter, Pincher Creek. I commend the members of this Chapter, some of whom came from as far away as Coutts and Milk River, sixty or seventy miles distance. R. E. Companion Cumberland and Companion Gray and Duffield motored from Pincher Creek. With better prospects in view I am very hopeful for Shekinah Chapter.

From Lethbridge I went on to Medicine Hat where I officially visited Assinabois Chapter, No. 3, on April 20th. Introduced by R. E. Companion Jesse Elliot and escorted by R. E. Companion Bert Montgomery and V. E. Companion W. H. Williams. Ex. Companion Ellerton, his Officers and the Companions extended to me a hearty welcome. The M.E.M. Degree was conferred on one candidate in a most impressive and perfect manner. I have to thank the Companions for a most pleasant and entertaining evening; indeed from the time I arrived until my departure, they anticipated my every want. This Chapter to my mind has prospects of as bright a future as any in the Jurisdiction.

### VISITS TO OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

I was fortunate in being able to accept the invitation to attend the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan held in Saskatoon, May 25th. Most Excellent Companion Stanley D. Cruden, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba, Most Excellent Companion Judge Alexander Burr, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of North Dakota and myself were introduced by Most Excellent Companion Jos. York, and received warm words of welcome from Most Excellent Companion Walter B. Hooker, Grand First Principal. I extended the fraternal greetings of this Chapter, which were heartily reciprocated. I also had the pleasure of presenting to M. E. Companion Hooker, the Honorary Life Membership granted at our last Convocation. M. E. Companion Cruden and myself were elected Honorary Life Members, I deeply appreciate this courtesy. M. E. Companion Burr was already one of the elect. M. E. Companion A. K. Lang of Prince Albert was installed as Grand First Principal. The Companions of Saskatchewan were untiring in their efforts to make our stay pleasant; needless to say they succeeded. The Grand Convocation ended with a splendid banquet and entertainment.

I was more than pleased when I found myself able to accept the invitation to attend the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba, held in Winnipeg on February 8th. I was welcomed most cordially by the Grand First Principal, M. E. Companion Cruden, who said in part: "the Companions of Manitoba appreciated the friendly gesture of the Companions of your Grand Chapter in sending their Grand Z. to this Convocation," and asked me to extend to our Grand Chapter their fraternal felicitations. Following my reception several distinguished visitors from across the "friendly border" were welcomed, in the persons of M. E. Companion Pool, Past Grand High Priest and Grand Master of the Knights Templar of Minnesota, M. E. Companion A. D. McCormick, P.G.H.P. (and our Representative) of Minnesota; M. E. Companion David Watson, G.H.P., Illinois; M. E. Companion E. E. Cove, Grand Secretary, Illinois; M. E. Companion Harvey C. Peterson, G.H.P., Minnesota; M. E. Companion R. H. Watson, G.H.P., Wisconsin; M. E. Companion Brownson, G.H.P., North Dakota.

I had the pleasure of extending the best wishes of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, and the privilege of being elected to Honorary Life Membership in the Grand Chapter of Manitoba, which I appreciate to the full. At the noon hour we were tendered a luncheon held in the Vice Regal Suite, Alexandra Hotel, and in the evening a banquet and ball at the Fort Garry Hotel, over 400 attending. M. E. Companion E. C. Cole, Portage La Prairie, the new Grand Z., welcomed the guests.



## GENERAL

I must ask your indulgence for a few moments while I refer to our activities in Edmonton. For several years Grand Officers there have been organizing informal meetings of members from all the four Chapters, when the general welfare of Capitular Masonry has been the chief topic of discussion; good, no doubt, resulted. I had the idea of going further and putting it on a firm and lasting basis. With this in mind I called a meeting in September, when it was resolved to get together again a month later and the Companions were requested to bring with them some concrete suggestions as to what they considered would advance the prestige and interests of the Royal Arch. Several good ideas were mooted and discussed. All were of one mind as to holding an annual festival—some even wished to do so twice a year. A suggestion that a District Meeting be arranged for a Saturday afternoon, a banquet and dance in the evening and then Divine Service the next day, met with hearty approval. It being too late in the year to carry out such a scheme in its entirety I proceeded to arrange for a Service of Praise and Thanksgiving in the Masonic Temple, Edmonton. I asked M. E. Companion Sandilands to draft a form of service and submit it to the meeting in November; he did so and it was unanimously approved. Of the Service itself—held on December 11th—I cannot speak too highly. We had M. E. Companion J. W. G. Morrison and our Grand Third Principal, R. E. Companion Scott from Vermilion, M. E. Companion Coote, and Companion Whitby (P. G. Chaplain, G.R.A.), all taking part and a fine choir under the able direction of Companion W. Kent. The outstanding part, however, was the address given by M. E. Companion Sandilands. I do not think that any of those who heard him are ever likely to forget either the subject, "Remember Now Thy Creator," nor the masterly way with which it was dealt. It was most impressive.

The idea of this festival appears to me a splendid one; I hope that it will continue in Edmonton, and I recommend to other cities and districts that they try to arrange something on similar lines.

The informal meetings above referred to have culminated into the formation of "The Association of Royal Arch Masons in Edmonton." There is a small annual subscription and regular officers and meetings are arranged. I heartily commend the loyal co-operation of all the Edmonton Chapters in this endeavour.

Companions, the foregoing is an account of my Stewardship. When just one year ago you conferred upon me the highest honor in your power to bestow, I fully appreciated the responsibility and my own shortcomings, but I resolved to do my utmost. I have done so to the best of my ability, endeavoring at all times to uphold the honor and dignity of our Royal Craft, striving to promote true companionship in every sense of the word, emphasizing at every meeting I attended the necessity of promoting a closer brotherhood amongst the members using the social board more as a means of getting to know each other better, learning one another's troubles and difficulties and relieving them to the best of our power and ability, even though many could do no more than give a brotherly grip and a kindly word.

The year like several preceeding ones, has been fraught with much unrest, speculation has been rife as to what might soon happen. There has been a dread of a mighty upheaval resulting in chaos. Companions, such is still the outlook, we must continue to do our best in the interest

of our Companions and our beloved Order, then if the worst does come, meet the situation as men and Masons.

I wish to recommend to my successor and to the Grand Chapter generally, that special attention be given to the weaker Chapters, some of which are practically dormant and several dozing. Something drastic should be done to enthuse the Companions of these Chapters and wake them up. One year is too short to accomplish all the work one would like to do. I travelled over 6,000 miles during the year and even then did not visit some of the Chapters I would have liked to.

### CONCLUSION

I cannot conclude this address without expressing my deepest gratitude for the support and encouragement I have received from one and all. The Past Grand Principals, Past and Present Grand Chapter Officers and individual members alike contributed.

And now within a few hours I shall pass on the Sceptre of Office to my worthy successor, who will give wholeheartedly of his time and talents for our beloved Order, and you in turn will, I am sure, give to him the same loyal support you have extended to me.

*"Though it be night, like Abram, sage of old,  
Like suffering Job, like ancient Saints untold,  
We'll lift our eyes above the earthly shroud,  
And view the sunbeams laughing in the clouds."*

*"Though it be night and hardships block our way,  
Though want, discouragement and famine fill the day,  
We'll save our souls, we'll not surrender life;  
We'll keep our faith and win out in the strife."*

Fraternally submitted,



*Grand First Principal.*

On the motion of M. E. Companion Sandilands, seconded by R. E. Companion Jeffery, it was

RESOLVED that the address of the Grand First Principal be referred to the Committee on that address for consideration.

## *Grand Superintendents' Reports*

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### DISTRICT No. 1

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and  
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I herewith submit my report as Grand Superintendent of District  
No. 1 for the past Grand Chapter year.

### VISITS

**Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 6:** September 28th. Fourteen members  
present, four visitors. No degree work.

General Impressions: Fine spirit prevails; membership scattered  
over wide area, this makes it difficult to hold convocations.

**Vermilion Chapter, No. 14:** October 14th. Sixteen members pre-  
sent, two visitors. The Most Excellent Master Degree exemplified  
creditably.

General Impressions: Considering the calibre of the members,  
I am hopeful for improvement. Finances are not too good, but, with  
the co-operation of the members, this will right itself. Educational  
work is being carried on among the members. A very fine spirit of  
companionship exists.

**North Star Chapter, No. 2:** November 2nd. Nineteen members  
present, thirteen visitors. No degree work.

General Impressions: Books and records in good shape. Officers  
efficient. A harmonious spirit prevails, but the membership as a whole  
do not give the support to the officers that they deserve.

**Strathcona Chapter, No. 25:** November 11th. Twenty-five mem-  
bers present, nine visitors. The Holy Royal Arch Degree was conferred  
in a manner that would do any Chapter credit.

General Impressions: Records in good shape. Harmony prevails.  
Arrears of dues being looked after. Applications coming in. No need  
to worry about this Chapter.

**Mount Olivet Chapter, No. 17:** April 19th, 1939. Number of  
members present, eight, four visitors.

General Impressions: Prospects are very encouraging; four appli-  
cations for exaltation received and one for affiliation.

**District Meeting:** Held in Acacia Hall, South Edmonton, October  
20th, 1939. Very good attendance from City Chapters, none from out-  
of-city Chapters. V. E. Companion James Dunn elected Grand Super-

intendent. The Grand Z. addressed the meeting. Many Past and Present Grand Chapter Officers in attendance.

May I conclude by thanking my many friends and Companions for their kindly co-operation, our association has been most pleasant, and I shall cherish through the coming years the many friendships I have formed.

Signed,

W. L. SHARP,

*Grand Superintendent.*

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### DISTRICT No. 2 .

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.  
Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I herewith submit for your consideration my report as Grand Superintendent for District No. 2 for the past Grand Chapter year.

### VISITS

**Hiram Chapter, No. 19:** June 14th, 1938. Ten members present, no visitors. Weather very cold.

General Impressions: A greatly revived interest shown this year.

**Eheye Chapter, No. 27:** February 3rd, 1939. Weather cold. Twenty members and three visitors present. M.E.M. Degree conferred excellently.

General Impressions: Marked interest being shown by all officers and members.

**Hanna Chapter, No. 28:** June 15th, 1938. Nine members and five visitors present. M.M.M. Degree conferred in a fair manner.

General Impressions: Continued interest being shown by entire membership.

**Coronation Chapter, No. 23:** June 13th. Could not get a quorum sufficient to open Chapter. Visited several members, consider turning in their Warrant, which has since been done.

**District Meeting:** Held at Hanna, October 19th, 1938. Opened by the officers of Hanna Chapter, No. 28. Eheye Chapter, No. 27, conferred the Royal Arch Degree. Meeting attended by several Grand Chapter Officers and an enjoyable and instructive evening spent, followed by a social hour spent in the luncheon room.

Signed,

EDGAR G. LAMB,

*Grand Superintendent.*

### DISTRICT No. 3

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and  
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I have the honour of submitting my report as Grand Superintendent of District No. 3.

#### VISITS

**Calgary Chapter, No. 11:** September 14th. Fair weather conditions. Twenty-one members and five visitors present. M.E.M. Degree conferred, work very good.

General Impressions: Officers very enthusiastic. Year's work showing improvement. Splendid spirit in social activities.

**Keystone Chapter, No. 12:** September 27th. Weather conditions fair. Twelve members and five visitors present. No degree work.

General Impressions: Opening and closing good. Members display fine fellowship. Chapter should improve with better times.

**Golden West Chapter, No. 5:** November 22nd. Very cold weather. Thirty-three members and Thirty-three visitors present. H.R.A. Degree conferred on five candidates in an excellent manner.

General Impressions: Officers very enthusiastic. Very much impressed with the growth of this Chapter.

**Joseph Stauffer Chapter, No. 22:** December 7th. Fair weather. Twelve members and nine visitors present. Installation well done.

General Impressions: Chapter has suffered on account of poor crop conditions in the district. Officers should be commended for the fine spirit and efforts displayed.

**Crescent Chapter, No. 24:** January 16th, 1939. Twenty-seven members and fifteen visitors present. Installation well done.

General Impressions: Chapter suffering from lack of new members. New Officers are full of enthusiasm and I look for progress in 1939.

**Banff Chapter, No. 20:** April 20th, 1939. Accompanied by a number of Grand Chapter Officers and Companions from Calgary. The evening was spent in demonstrating and explaining the floor work in the M.M.M. and M.E.M. Degrees, the Grand Lecturer being in attendance. This Chapter, with practically but one Lodge to draw from, is in a good financial condition and, considering the conditions that obtain, has held together well, their members being scattered to the far corners of the globe make it difficult for the Companions who are left, but they maintain a good standard and with more normal conditions this Chapter will again come back strong.

**District Meeting:** November 10th, 1938. This was the night of the first and only bad storm of the year, roads blocked, making attendance

from outside small, about fifty present. Grand Z. and other Grand Chapter Officers present. V. E. Companion A. G. Ayres elected Grand Superintendent. A very harmonious meeting.

Signed,

O. W. HARRIS,  
*Grand Superintendent.*

#### **DISTRICT No. 4**

May 29th, 1939.

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and  
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I have the honour to submit for your consideration my report as Grand Superintendent of District No. 4 for the past Grand Chapter year.

#### **VISITS**

**Harmony Chapter, No. 26:** November 23rd. Thirteen members and three visitors present. M.M.M. Degree conferred.

General Impressions: This Chapter again showing good progress, having, through adjustment on fire loss, cleared off all indebtedness and rebuilt a fine new Masonic Hall. The officers and members are of the first caliber. The Chapter is active and they have several candidates going through and more in sight. The degree was conferred very creditably and all officers very capable.

**Otuskwam Chapter, No. 9:** January 5th. Twenty-seven members and three visitors present. M.M.M. Degree conferred.

General Impressions: A most excellent Chapter, always alert and very progressive. The officers and members show great co-operation and give careful thought to all work. The degree work was most inspiring. They have several candidates going through.

**Strathmore Chapter, No. 21:** January 12th. Seventeen members and twenty-three visitors present. Installation.

General Impressions: This being my Mother Chapter my impressions of it are always kindly, and truly so. It thrives under conditions of great harmony, no financial worries, and wonderful co-operation within as well as with its sister Chapters. The officers are well skilled and see that each Chapter meeting has some real purpose. No candidates in view just now but there is never a long wait in this Chapter for new material.

**Alberta Chapter, No. 1:** January 23rd. Thirty members and forty visitors present. Installation.

General Impressions: Another fine Chapter with well qualified and hard working officers, alert to all problems and well skilled in the Work. This Chapter is very active with several candidates going

through the degrees. Their Installation, performed by Most Ex. Companion Minchin and his assisting Companions, was very fine.

**Bow Valley Chapter, No. 10:** April 11th. Eleven members and seven visitors present. Installations.

**General Impressions:** This Chapter is in good financial condition and its officers and members are of the finest. Their big problem has been the lack of candidates for some time now. This condition has caused a lack of interest in the work and attendance, yet with the co-operation and harmony that exists in this Chapter and with the new hopes that have developed from the fact that the Masonic Lodge there is again receiving candidates, it give them inspiration to carry on and I think this is wise.

**District Meeting:** Held jointly with District No. 3 at Calgary, on November 10th, 1938. Attendance as per Register for District No. 4. The attendance was low due to the awful blizzard which made all travel impossible; however, it was a very splendid and profitable meeting.

Most Ex. Companion McCurdy was received in due form, accompanied by several Grand Chapter Officers. Most Ex. Companion McCurdy gave a very sincere and impressive address which was deeply appreciated. Excellent reports were received from all Chapters in District No. 4 with the exception of Bow Valley, No. 10, who were unable to be represented. No written questions having been received, a few oral questions were ably answered by M. E. Companion Jas. Flan. V. E. Companion H. E. Kelley of Alberta Chapter, No. 1, was elected Grand Superintendent of District No. 4 for the coming year.

The blizzard making it impossible for me to reach Calgary, I deeply appreciated the fact that my District Secretary, R. E. Companion Hand, so kindly represented me and assisted in the work of the meeting so ably managed by R. E. Companion O. W. Harris, Grand Superintendent of District No. 3. The meeting was closed in harmony and followed by a splendid banquet and entertainment.

**Final Impressions:** The City Chapters do not get the percentage attendance that their officers deserve. This fact was particularly noticed and is to be regretted.

There is a lack of Masonic Education among the newer members so necessary to inspire the soul with the depth, the true meaning, and the real purpose of the Masonic teachings.

There should be a closer understanding, a more co-operative feeling between Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge, between Capitular Masonry and Craft Masonry. This would strengthen both and make Masonry a greater power in this world.

Signed,

LeROY W. BOND,  
*District Superintendent.*

**DISTRICT No. 5**

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and  
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta  
Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I herewith submit my report for the past Grand Chapter year.

**VISITS**

**Hillvue Chapter, No. 15:** March 15th, 1939. Ten members and one visitor present. No degree work.

General Impressions: An excellent Chapter, with a good slate of officers. Membership reduced, but prospects for candidates quite good.

**Kether Chapter, No. 8:** December 15th, 1938. Twenty members present, no visitors. M.M.M. Degree conferred in an efficient manner.

General Impressions: In good financial condition, with capable officers. Prospects for candidates good.

**Tau Cross Chapter, No. 16:** April 11th, 1939, but owing to the farmers being busy preparing for the Spring work, no meeting was held.

General Impressions: This Chapter, though small in membership, is in a good financial condition, having a fair bank balance. Prospects fair.

**Shekinah Chapter, No. 4, and Assiniboia Chapter, No. 3:** I was unable to visit these Chapters owing to conditions over which I had no control.

General Impressions: Assiniboia Chapter is in good condition, having the largest balance of any Chapter in the Jurisdiction. Prospects for candidates good.

Shekinah Chapter, No. 4, has improved their condition during the last year over previous years and prospects are much brighter.

**District Meeting:** Held at Pincher Creek, Wednesday, October 26th, 1938. M. E. Companion McCurdy present, accompanied by other Grand Chapter Officers. E. Companion J. R. Smith of Hillvue Chapter, No. 15, elected as Grand Superintendent for the coming year. A very harmonious and useful District Meeting.

Signed,

WM. MARCELLEUS,  
*District Superintendent.*

**DISTRICT No. 6**

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and  
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.  
Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration and approval my report as Grand District Superintendent for District No. 6 during 1938-39.



## VISITS

**Capital City Chapter, No. 13:** May 13th, 1938. Eighteen members and seventeen visitors present. The H.R.A. Degree conferred in an excellent manner.

General Impressions: This Chapter is doing excellent work and is well managed. Officers proficient in their work. Companions take an active interest in the work of Capitular Masonry.

**Norwood Chapter, No. 18:** September 1st, 1938. Eleven members and six visitors present. M.M.M. Degree well done.

General Impressions: This Chapter is also doing good work, the Officers being proficient in the Work. The attendance might be considerably improved. The arrears of dues appear to be rather high and should be given attention.

**Edson Chapter, No. 30:** October 11th, 1938, and every month, being my home Chapter. No degree work.

General Impressions: This Chapter is doing good work and the officers are proficient, but, on account of many members living a considerable distance from the Chapter, it is quite impossible to have the benefit of their attendance. Another Field Day is being undertaken this year.

**David Thompson Chapter, No. 29:** May 18th, 1939. Was unable to hold a meeting on account of so many members out of town, there being only three Companions that I could get in touch with.

General Impressions: The finances of this Chapter are in good shape the chief difficulty is to get sufficient members to hold a meeting in any month. This Chapter has no opportunity to expand, being at the most westerly end of the Province, near to the B.C. boundary, it appears impossible for this Chapter to increase its membership. Some of the Companions, living in the town, appear to have grown discouraged and seldom attend. This in brief is the situation and conclude accordingly.

**District Meeting:** October 22nd, 1938. Three Chapters represented. The Grand Z. and other Grand Chapter Officers present. Business conducted by the Grand Superintendent, after the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Companion J. J. Clarke of Norwood Chapter, No. 18, elected Grand Superintendent.

Signed,

R. KNOX,

*District Superintendent.*

## ***Grand Scribe E's Report***

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To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and  
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

I submit herewith a statement of membership together with a statement of dues and fees received from the Chapters up to an including February 28th, 1939.

During the year I had the pleasure of issuing a Royal Arch Certificate to a Companion, who had passed his eighty-seventh birthday. This, I believe is rather unusual and I doubt if many have had a similar experience.

Several Chapters did not forward their returns before January 31st, the time set by the Constitution and were fined in accordance with section 115, three Chapters also failing to pay their per capita by February 28th.

### ***Statement of Membership***

|                                                   |    |       |
|---------------------------------------------------|----|-------|
| Number of Chapters.....                           | 29 |       |
| Number of members, as at December 31st, 1937..... |    | 1,862 |

#### **Increase**

|                   |    |  |
|-------------------|----|--|
| Admissions.....   | 30 |  |
| Affiliations..... | 13 |  |
| Restorations..... | 12 |  |
|                   | 55 |  |

#### **Decrease**

|                   |     |  |
|-------------------|-----|--|
| Demit.....        | 54  |  |
| Deletions.....    | 44  |  |
| Deaths.....       | 21  |  |
|                   | 119 |  |
| Net Decrease..... | 64  |  |

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|-----------------------------------------------------|--|-------|
| Number of members on roll, December 31st, 1938..... |  | 1,798 |
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#### **RECEIVED FROM CHAPTERS**

|                         |          |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Alberta, No. 1.....     | \$131.05 |
| North Star, No. 2.....  | 75.50    |
| Assiniboia, No. 3.....  | 90.00    |
| Shekinah, No. 4.....    | 64.49    |
| Golden West, No. 5..... | 96.52    |
| Mount Horeb, No. 6..... | 37.00    |
| Bekah, No. 7.....       | 7.50     |
| Kether, No. 8.....      | 57.70    |
| Otuskwan, No. 9.....    | 122.50   |

|                              |       |            |
|------------------------------|-------|------------|
| Bow Valley, No. 10.....      | 5.47  |            |
| Calgary, No. 11.....         | 71.25 |            |
| Keystone, No. 12.....        | 90.14 |            |
| Capital City, No. 13.....    | 8.65  |            |
| Vermilion, No. 14.....       | 32.00 |            |
| Hillvue, No. 15.....         | 19.65 |            |
| Tau Cross, No. 16.....       | 31.57 |            |
| Mount Olivet, No. 17.....    | 24.75 |            |
| Norwood, No. 18.....         | 78.30 |            |
| Hiram, No. 19.....           | 27.75 |            |
| Banff, No. 20.....           | 61.27 |            |
| Strathmore, No. 21.....      | 55.97 |            |
| Joseph Stauffer, No. 22..... | 25.00 |            |
| Coronation, No. 23.....      | 23.75 |            |
| Crescent, No. 24.....        | 56.49 |            |
| Strathcona, No. 25.....      | 51.00 |            |
| Harmony, No. 26.....         | 39.78 |            |
| Ehneyeh, No. 27.....         | 86.75 |            |
| David Thompson, No. 29.....  | 16.65 |            |
| Edson, No. 30.....           | 41.30 |            |
|                              |       | <hr/>      |
| Cash Sales.....              |       | \$1,529.75 |
| Interest.....                |       | 5.05       |
|                              |       | <hr/>      |
|                              |       | 80.75      |
|                              |       | <hr/>      |
|                              |       | \$1,615.55 |
| Less Exchange.....           |       | 5.55       |
|                              |       | <hr/>      |
|                              |       | \$1,610.00 |

Fraternally submitted,

C. A. MacPHERSON,  
*Grand Scribe E.*

### RESTORATIONS

Alberta, No. 1..... C. D. Ingham, R. Pearson.  
 Shekinah, No. 4..... E. B. Sloan, S. E. Jones.  
 Otuskwan, No. 9..... R. J. Robinson, J. E. Giroux, W. A. Hogle;  
 Calgary, No. 11..... J. Longdon, F. Gayner.  
 Strathcona, No. 25..... W. G. Scott.

### DEBITS OR WITHDRAWALS

Alberta, No. 1..... F. J. Rundle.  
 Assiniboia, No. 3..... L. B. Thomson, A. E. Ward.  
 Golden West, No. 5..... H. M. Hanna.  
 Mount Horeb, No. 6..... W. J. Reynolds, F. B. Watson, F. McFarlane, E. Moore.  
 Otuskwan, No. 9..... A. Carter, S. D. Jenkins, A. Smith.  
 Bow Valley, No. 10..... L. Cuthbert, A. W. Bowles.  
 Calgary, No. 11..... J. Fairley, F. R. Jelfs, F. T. Matthews.  
 Keystone, No. 12..... H. B. Maunsell, W. R. Cochrane.  
 Capital City, No. 13..... R. S. Wild.  
 Vermilion, No. 14..... H. Scott.  
 Hillvue, No. 15..... H. E. Corbett.  
 Tau Cross, No. 16..... H. N. Dew.  
 Norwood, No. 18..... J. Martin.



## **Auditor's Report**

Calgary, Alberta,  
March 27th, 1939.

To the Audit and Finance Committee of the Grand Chapter  
of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

I have examined the books and accounts of the Grand Chapter for the year ending February 28th, 1939, and submit herewith:

- (a) Condensed Treasurer's Statement.
- (b) Expense and Revenue Statement.
- (c) Balance Sheet as at February 28th, 1939.
- (d) Benevolence Statement.

I have inspected the Provincial Savings Certificates in safety deposit at the bank and find same to be in accordance with the books. Depreciation on equipment has been charged at the usual rates for the year.

Inventories of supplies on hand have been listed by the Grand Scribe E. and are certified by him to be correct.

The last report from Bekah Chapter, No. 7, was for the year 1936 and it appears to me that some action should be taken by the Grand Officers under Section 175.

There are no vouchers in support of Grand Z.'s expenses from the years 1938 and 1939. I am of the opinion statements should be presented and I question the authority of cheques being issued in advance of such statements.

Fraternally submitted,

HENRY W. FORD, C.A.  
*Auditor.*

## **Grand Treasurer's Statement** (Condensed)

| GENERAL ACCOUNT                               |            |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------|
| Balance on hand, February 28th, 1938. . . . . | \$2,001.61 |
| Received from Grand Scribe E. . . . .         | 1,610.00   |
|                                               | \$3,611.61 |
| Disbursements. . . . .                        | 1,961.80   |
| Balance on hand, February 28th, 1939. . . . . | \$1,649.81 |
| SAVINGS ACCOUNT                               |            |
| Balance on hand, February 28th, 1938. . . . . | \$ 92.75   |
| Savings Certificates cashed . . . . .         | 500.00     |
| Interest earned. . . . .                      | 4.53       |
|                                               | \$ 597.28  |
| Paid for Benevolence. . . . .                 | 175.00     |
| Balance on hand, February 28th, 1939. . . . . | \$ 422.28  |
| BENEVOLENCE FUND                              |            |
| Balance at February 28th, 1938. . . . .       | \$3,975.00 |
| Paid out during the year. . . . .             | 225.00     |
|                                               | \$3,750.00 |
| Consisting of—                                |            |
| Provincial Savings Certificates. . . . .      | \$3,400.00 |
| On deposit in Bank. . . . .                   | 350.00     |
|                                               | \$3,750.00 |

## EXPENSE AND REVENUE ACCOUNT

## EXPENSES

|                                  |          |                   |
|----------------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| Depreciation.....                |          | \$ 107.61         |
| Grand Chapter:                   |          |                   |
| Proceedings.....                 | \$273.65 |                   |
| Annual Notices.....              | 14.31    |                   |
| Rent .....                       | 20.00    |                   |
| Entertainment .....              | 53.85    |                   |
| Christmas Cards.....             | 14.58    |                   |
| Regalia Repairs.....             | 8.16     |                   |
| Obituary and Flowers.....        | 25.13    |                   |
| Grand Z., Regalia.....           | 76.68    |                   |
| G.S.E., Travelling.....          | 17.00    |                   |
|                                  |          | 503.36            |
| Travelling:                      |          |                   |
| Grand Z., 1937-38.....           | \$100.00 |                   |
| Grand Z., 1938-39 .....          | 185.00   |                   |
| Grand Superintendents .....      | 150.00   |                   |
| Grand Lecturer, 1937 and 1938 .. | 50.00    |                   |
|                                  |          | 485.00            |
| Office:                          |          |                   |
| Salaries. ....                   | \$625.00 |                   |
| Insurance.....                   | 13.65    |                   |
| Telephone .....                  | 34.20    |                   |
| Supplies and Miscellaneous. .... | 53.41    |                   |
| Stamps .....                     | 29.58    |                   |
| Engrossing. ....                 | 13.40    |                   |
|                                  |          | 769.24            |
|                                  |          | <u>\$1,865.21</u> |

## REVENUE

|                                |                   |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Affiliations.....              | \$ 13.00          |
| Certificates.....              | 117.00            |
| Dispensations. ....            | 18.00             |
| Dues.....                      | \$1,242.00        |
| Fines .....                    | 44.50             |
| Life Membership Certificates.. | 51.00             |
| Interest.....                  | 85.28             |
| Profit, Chapter Supplies.....  | 36.31             |
| Profit, Chapter Regalia.....   | 10.43             |
|                                | <u>\$1,617.52</u> |
| Deficit for the Year. ....     | 247.69            |
|                                | <u>\$1,865.21</u> |

## *Balance Sheet as at February 28th, 1939*

| ASSETS                            |            | SURPLUS                        |            |
|-----------------------------------|------------|--------------------------------|------------|
| Bank Balance, General Account.... | \$1,649.81 | As at February 28th, 1938..... | \$4,006.48 |
| Bank Balance, Savings Account ... | 72.28      |                                |            |
|                                   | <hr/>      |                                |            |
| Due from Chapters .....           | \$1,722.09 | Less:                          |            |
|                                   | 326.73     | Deficit for the Year.....      | 247.69     |
|                                   |            | Accounts remitted by Grand     |            |
|                                   |            | Chapter.....                   | 197.89     |
|                                   |            |                                | <hr/>      |
| Inventories:                      |            |                                | 445.58     |
| Chapter Supplies .....            | 830.94     |                                |            |
| Chapter Regalia .....             | 59.75      |                                |            |
| Office Supplies.....              | 243.45     |                                |            |
| Insurance.....                    | 19.98      |                                |            |
|                                   | <hr/>      |                                |            |
|                                   | 1,154.12   |                                |            |
| Equipment:                        |            |                                |            |
| Grand Chapter Regalia .....       | \$1,426.34 |                                |            |
| Office Equipment.....             | 593.63     |                                |            |
| Library.....                      | 66.12      |                                |            |
|                                   | <hr/>      |                                |            |
|                                   | \$2,086.09 |                                |            |
|                                   | 1,638.13   |                                |            |
|                                   | <hr/>      |                                |            |
| Less Depreciation.....            | 447.96     |                                |            |
|                                   | <hr/>      |                                |            |
|                                   | \$3,650.90 |                                | <hr/>      |
|                                   |            |                                | \$3,650.90 |

# CHAPTER RETURNS TO DECEMBER 31st, 1938

| No. | Name of Chapter | Where Held    | Regular Convocation          | First Principal Z. | Scribe E.         | Members Dec. 31, 1937 | Admissions | Affiliations | Restorations | Demitted | Deletions | Deaths | Members Dec. 31, 1938 | Increase | Decrease | Net Decrease |
|-----|-----------------|---------------|------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|----------|-----------|--------|-----------------------|----------|----------|--------------|
| 1   | Alberta         | Calgary       | 2nd Monday                   | A. Anderson        | F. J. Hand        | 167                   | 2          | 1            | 2            | 1        | 1         | 2      | 168                   | 1        | 1        | 1            |
| 2   | North Star      | Edmonton      | 1st Wednesday                | T. Law             | A. B. McCurdy     | 88                    | 1          | 1            | 2            | 1        | 1         | 1      | 90                    | 2        | 1        | 1            |
| 3   | Assinobia       | Medicine Hat  | 3rd Thursday                 | E. G. Ellerton     | W. B. Stevens     | 137                   | 1          | 1            | 2            | 2        | 2         | 1      | 132                   | 1        | 5        | 5            |
| 4   | Sheniah         | Lethbridge    | 2nd Wednesday                | G. W. O'Meara      | J. C. Redman      | 88                    | 5          | 1            | 2            | 1        | 1         | 1      | 89                    | 1        | 1        | 1            |
| 5   | Golden West     | High River    | 4th Tuesday                  | A. L. Watkins      | W. B. Way         | 66                    | 1          | 1            | 1            | 1        | 2         | 1      | 67                    | 1        | 1        | 1            |
| 6   | Mount Horeb     | Wetaskiwin    | 4th Thursday                 | F. F. Young        | H. G. Smith       | 51                    | 1          | 1            | 1            | 4        | 2         | 2      | 44                    | 1        | 7        | 7            |
| 7   | Bekah           | Macleod       | 1st Wednesday                | R. C. Snyder       | A. Young          | 33                    | 3          | 1            | 1            | 1        | 1         | 1      | 32                    | 1        | 1        | 1            |
| 8   | Kether          | Pincher Creek | 3rd Thursday                 | G. D. Plunkett     | T. C. Cumberland  | 40                    | 3          | 1            | 1            | 3        | 1         | 1      | 43                    | 3        | 1        | 1            |
| 9   | Oruskwan        | Calgary       | 1st Thursday                 | H. E. Bentley      | F. Bentley        | 123                   | 1          | 1            | 1            | 2        | 3         | 3      | 122                   | 1        | 2        | 2            |
| 10  | Bow Valley      | Gleichen      | 2nd Tuesday                  | T. H. Beach        | R. P. Umbrite     | 39                    | 2          | 1            | 2            | 3        | 1         | 1      | 37                    | 1        | 1        | 1            |
| 11  | Calgary         | Calgary       | 2nd Wednesday                | T. D. Gold         | O. W. Harris      | 69                    | 2          | 1            | 2            | 3        | 1         | 1      | 70                    | 1        | 1        | 1            |
| 12  | Keystone        | Red Deer      | 4th Tuesday                  | J. N. Stewart      | A. G. Ayres       | 89                    | 3          | 1            | 2            | 2        | 1         | 1      | 90                    | 1        | 1        | 1            |
| 13  | Capital City    | Edmonton      | 2nd Friday                   | J. McPhee          | J. Cleveley       | 124                   | 1          | 1            | 1            | 6        | 2         | 2      | 117                   | 7        | 1        | 1            |
| 14  | Vermilion       | Vermilion     | 2nd Tuesday                  | W. A. Rogan        | J. W. G. Morrison | 47                    | 1          | 1            | 1            | 1        | 1         | 1      | 45                    | 2        | 1        | 1            |
| 15  | Hillvue         | Hillcrest     | 3rd Friday                   | J. Mackie          | R. E. Donkin      | 35                    | 1          | 1            | 1            | 1        | 7         | 1      | 27                    | 8        | 1        | 1            |
| 16  | Tau Cross       | Clareholm     | 2nd Tuesday                  | A. C. McKay        | E. H. Mack        | 30                    | 1          | 1            | 1            | 1        | 1         | 1      | 29                    | 1        | 1        | 1            |
| 17  | Mount Olivet    | Kilam         | 3rd Wednesday                | E. T. Lake         | Wm. Smith, Jr.    | 33                    | 1          | 1            | 1            | 1        | 1         | 1      | 33                    | 1        | 1        | 1            |
| 18  | Norwood         | Edmonton      | 1st Thursday                 | F. A. Smith        | J. H. Richardson  | 49                    | 3          | 1            | 1            | 1        | 1         | 1      | 50                    | 1        | 1        | 1            |
| 19  | Hiram           | Youngstown    | Monday on or after full moon | T. J. McKeage      | P. A. Davie       | 42                    | 1          | 1            | 1            | 1        | 1         | 1      | 41                    | 1        | 1        | 1            |
| 20  | Banff           | Banff         | 3rd Thursday                 | C. L. Lewis        | T. W. Balderston  | 47                    | 1          | 1            | 1            | 1        | 1         | 1      | 46                    | 1        | 1        | 1            |
| 21  | Strathmore      | Strathmore    | 2nd Thursday                 | A. L. Williams     | D. A. Perry       | 45                    | 2          | 2            | 2            | 2        | 1         | 1      | 47                    | 2        | 1        | 1            |
| 22  | Joseph Stauffer | Didsbury      | 2nd Thursday                 | G. H. Burke        | J. L. Clarke      | 30                    | 1          | 1            | 1            | 1        | 1         | 1      | 29                    | 1        | 1        | 1            |
| 23  | *Coronation     | Coronation    | 2nd Thursday                 | F. W. McJunkin     | F. W. Keyte       | 19                    | 1          | 1            | 15           | 3        | 1         | 1      | 19                    | 1        | 1        | 1            |
| 24  | Crescent        | Calgary       | 1st Monday                   | J. B. Cameron      | O. J. Barker      | 76                    | 1          | 1            | 6            | 1        | 1         | 1      | 69                    | 7        | 1        | 1            |
| 25  | Strathcona      | So. Edmonton  | 3rd Thursday                 | R. Smith           | J. R. Donaldson   | 55                    | 1          | 1            | 1            | 1        | 1         | 1      | 56                    | 1        | 1        | 1            |
| 26  | Harmony         | Bassano       | 4th Wednesday                | L. A. Bennett      | S. G. McMullen    | 50                    | 1          | 1            | 1            | 1        | 10        | 1      | 41                    | 9        | 1        | 1            |
| 27  | Ebeych          | Drumheller    | 1st Friday                   | J. G. Odell        | C. Wylie          | 69                    | 2          | 2            | 3            | 3        | 7         | 1      | 70                    | 1        | 1        | 1            |
| 28  | Hanna           | Hanna         | 3rd Wednesday                | A. T. Gray         | A. Gray           | 43                    | 2          | 1            | 1            | 1        | 1         | 1      | 38                    | 5        | 1        | 1            |
| 29  | David           | Jasper        | 3rd Thursday                 | I. J. Cadogan      | A. J. Fyfe        | 27                    | 1          | 1            | 1            | 1        | 1         | 1      | 25                    | 2        | 1        | 1            |
| 30  | Edson           | Edson         | 2nd Tuesday                  |                    |                   | 51                    | 1          | 1            | 1            | 1        | 1         | 1      | 51                    | 1        | 1        | 1            |
|     |                 |               |                              |                    |                   | 1862                  | 30         | 13           | 12           | 54       | 44        | 21     | 1798                  | 15       | 79       | 64           |

\*Warrant Surrendered.



## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and  
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Several circumstances have combined to suggest loyalty as the key note for this Grand Convocation—the proximity of the day to “Empire Day”, the critical state of world affairs, the fact that for the first time in the history of Canada, our beloved Sovereign is amongst us, and will spend some days again this very week within this Grand Jurisdiction—these circumstances combine to make appropriate the words of the late Sir Cecil Spring-Rice:

*“I vow to thee, my country—all earthly things above—  
Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love,  
The love that asks no question; the love that stands the test,  
That lays upon the altar the dearest and the best:  
The love that never falters, the love that pays the price,  
The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.”*

Sir Cecil, however, goes on to say:

*“And there’s another country, I’ve heard of long ago—  
Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know—  
We may not count her armies: we may not see her King—  
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering—  
And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,  
And her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are Peace.”*

So we pause in our deliberations to remind ourselves that there are other loyalties besides those to King and Country. We pause to think of those dear Companions whose faces we shall no longer see amongst us—who have been called to their Eternal Home.

We miss more than any words can express, their kindly smiles, and friendly handshakes, and their companionship. In our own Grand Chapter we have lost twenty-one Companions. In sister Grand Chapters forty-two distinguished Companions have been called Home.

To the bereaved families we extend our sympathy, and commend them to the Great Comforter.

*“Come ye disconsolate, where’er ye languish,  
Come to the Mercy Seat, fervently kneel,  
Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish,  
Earth hath no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal.”*

When we stand at the open grave, and say farewell to our Companions one by one, we are overwhelmed with the sense of loss.

*“We are so few; the long blest chain is broken,  
So many links have dropped from sight,  
So many names are now in sadness spoken  
Names once so bright.*

*“We are so few; and eyes grow sick of failing;  
Age groweth dark when years take one by one;  
Death fills the air; A sense of dull bewailing  
Blots out the sun.*

*"But hark! It seems to us an angel speaketh;  
We are so many! Aye so many there.  
A dawn upon the grey horizon breaketh—  
A day most fair.*

*"We count them! not by fingers but by heart-beats,  
By thrills of joy and hope, by wings of faith.  
The chain is drawn together—softly parts meets—  
This is not death.*

*"They keep our places for us; some day gladly  
Shall fall on us God's fresh immortal dew,  
In heaven we never more can murmur sadly,  
We are so few."*

Our emotions as we stand here today to pay our last tribute to our departed Companions should not primarily be sorrow, but rather thankfulness and hope. Thankfulness for the privilege of having known and worked with them; thankfulness for the contribution they made to make this world a better world; and hope, that we may meet again.

*"When men go down to the sea in ships  
'Tis not to the Sea they go;  
Some isle or pole the mariner's goal,  
And thither they sail through calm and gale,  
When down to the sea they go.*

*"When souls go down to the sea by ship,  
And the dark ship's name is Death,  
Why mourn and wail at the vanishing sail?  
Though outward bound, God's world is round,  
And only a ship is Death.*

*"When I go down to the sea by ship,  
And Death unfurls her sail,  
Weep not for me, for there will be  
A living host on another coast  
To beckon and give 'All Hail'."*

Fraternally submitted,

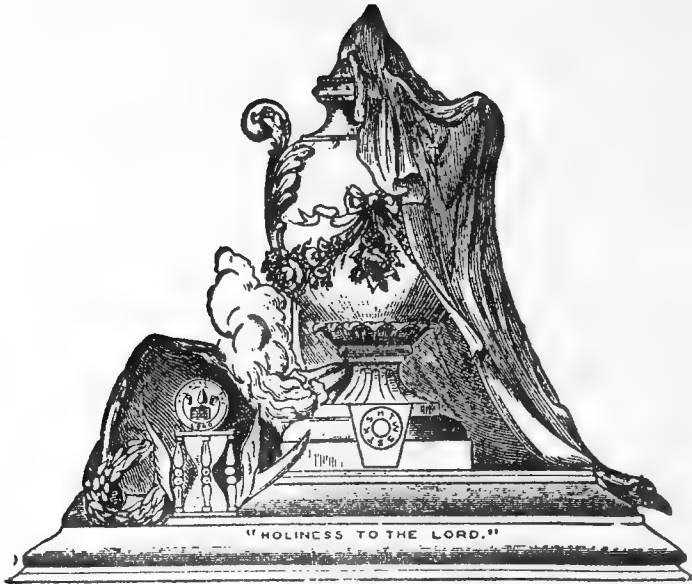
W. HUDSON SCOTT,  
S. H. MIDDLETON.

On the motion of R. E. Companion W. H. Scott, seconded by R. E. Companion R. C. Rankin, it was

RESOLVED that the Report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead be received and adopted.

#### DEATHS IN OUR OWN JURISDICTION

Alberta, No. 1 . . . . . F. B. Cooper, C. H. Dee.  
North Star, No. 2 . . . . . J. L. Johnstone.  
Assiniboia, No. 3 . . . . . J. F. Townsend.  
Shekinah, No. 4 . . . . . O. L. Taylor.  
Golden West, No. 5 . . . . . H. H. Gould.



**In Memory**  
**OF THE DECEASED**  
**Companions of Our Own**  
**and Sister Jurisdictions**  
**FOR THE YEAR 1938**

*Nay, but as when one layeth  
 His worn out robes away,  
 And, taking others, sayeth,  
 "These will I wear to-day;"  
 So layeth off the Spirit,  
 Lightly its garb of flesh,  
 And passeth to inherit  
 A residence afresh.*

Mount Horeb, No. 6 ..... A. E. Maggs (1936), R. Grant (1937).  
 Kether, No. 8 ..... L. W. Walkey.  
 Otuskwan, No. 9 ..... A. E. McGinniss, J. B. Chandler, S. J. Hanna.  
 Capital City, No. 13..... W. A. Dell, G. Rait.  
 Vermilion, No. 14..... J. Dudley (1937).  
 Tau Cross, No. 16..... W. A. Lyndon.  
 Norwood, No. 18..... J. Walkinshaw.  
 Banff, No. 20 ..... H. E. Sibbald.  
 Coronation, No. 23 ..... D. C. Brown.  
 Crescent, No. 24 ..... S. J. Cottrell.  
 Strathcona, No. 25 ..... J. D. Fenton.

### DEATHS IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS

Arizona ..... Morris Goldwater, P.G.H.P.  
 Arkansas ..... Nathan C. McCrary, P.G.H.P.  
 British Columbia .John M. Rudd, H., P.G.Z., P.G.T.  
 California ..... James R. Tapscott, P.G.H.P.  
 Canada ..... Charles W. Haentschel, P.G.Z.; Kenneth J. C. Dunstan, P.G.Z.  
 Florida ..... Albert E. Calkins, G.P.S.  
 Georgia ..... Charles R. McCord, P.G.H.P.; J. B. Hollingsworth, G.P.S.  
 Indiana ..... Bert H. Askren, P.G.H.P.; Orlando W. Brownback, P.G.H.P.  
 Iowa ..... John W. Cory, P.G.H.P.  
 Kansas ..... Charles G. West, P.G.H.P., Thomas L. Bond, P.G.H.P.  
 Louisiana ..... Harry J. Feltus, G.C.H.  
 Maine ..... Walter S. Glidden, P.G.H.P.; John H. Paisley, G.S.; Charles W. Jones, P.G.S.  
 Maryland ..... Gustav A. Eitel, Grand Secretary Emeritus.  
 Massachusetts ..... John J. Van Valkenburgh, P.G.H.P.  
 Michigan ..... William N. Senf, P.G.H.P.  
 Minnesota ..... Arthur O. E. Hawksett, G.K.; William Dinwoodie, P.G.S.; Wylie R. Liddle, P.G.H.P.  
 Montana ..... James M. Burlingame, P.G.H.P.  
 Nebraska ..... Carroll D. Evans, Sr., P.G.H.P.; B. L. Spellman, P.G.H.P.; Luther M. Kuhns, Grand Chaplain.  
 Nevada ..... F. E. Murphy, Grand Captain of the Host.  
 Mississippi ..... Edward L. Faucette, Grand Secretary.  
 New Jersey ..... Robert McCormick, P.G.H.P., Grand Lecturer; John C. Crawford, P.G.H.P.; Howard L. Carter, P.G.H.P.  
 North Dakota .... Charles J. Phelan, P.G.H.P.; Walter L. Williamson, P.G.H.P.  
 Nova Scotia ..... Edgar N. Clements, P.G.H.P.  
 Ohio ..... Thomas H. Isitt, P.G.H.P.  
 Oklahoma ..... Edson A. MacMillan, P.G.H.P.; Elsha W. Townsend, P.G.H.P.  
 Oregon ..... George G. Brown, P.G.H.P.  
 South Carolina ... Robert T. Goodale, P.G.H.P.  
 South Dakota .... George A. Pettigrew, P.G.H.P., Grand Secretary. Louis Jacobs, Grand Treasurer.  
 Tennessee ..... Jesse Alason Whitely, Grand Sentinel.  
 Vermont ..... Raymond A. Pearl, P.G.H.P.; Olin W. Daley, P.G.H.P.  
 Wisconsin ..... R. G. Flanders, Grand Scribe.

### **REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE**

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and  
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence report that nothing has come before it this year calling for consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. G. MORRISON,  
J. R. FLAN,  
W. E. MERCER.

On the motion of M. E. Companion Mercer, seconded by M. E. Companion Flan, it was

RESOLVED, that the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence be received and adopted.

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### **REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS**

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and  
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals are pleased to report that no matters have arisen requiring their attention. We would therefore express congratulations to Grand Chapter upon the harmony which prevails.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. MERCER.  
J. L. CLARKE.

On the motion of M. E. Companion Mercer, seconded by R. E. Companion Clarke, it was

RESOLVED, that the Report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted.

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### **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WARRANTS**

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and  
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

The Committee on Warrants beg leave to report that no matters have been referred to them for consideration during the year.

Fraternally submitted,

C. COMBA,  
J. A. McGHEE.

On the motion of M. E. Companion J. A. McGhee, seconded by R. E. Companion C. Comba, it was

RESOLVED, that the Report of the Committee on Warrants be received and adopted.

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### **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE**

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee are pleased to report that several Chapters have expended certain sums for the relief of their Companions, this does not include the remission of dues which many Chapters are doing, thereby retaining worthy members. This we heartily commend.

We have made grants from the Benevolence Fund of Grand Chapter of \$225.00 in assisting distressed Companions.

Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9, for a number of years has made it an annual affair entertaining, at some considerable cost, the children of the Woods' Christian Home at a picnic, this is looked forward to with eager anticipation by the children. We feel that this is worthy of commendation and that this Chapter is to be congratulated on its kindly deed. Other Chapters might emulate this good example.

Your Committee find that the present system of making grants from the Benevolence Fund of Grand Chapter is satisfactory and we recommend its continuance.

Fraternally submitted,

J. R. FLAN, *Chairman*.

R. C. RANKIN.

On the motion of M. E. Companion J. R. Flan, seconded by R. E. Companion R. C. Rankin, it was

RESOLVED that the Report of the Committee on Benevolence be received and adopted.

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### **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND EDUCATION**

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

The Committee on Research and Education has little to report, but would strongly recommend that the Companions make more use of the "Proceedings," especially the reviews by the Foreign Corre-

spondence Committee as much valuable information is always contained therein.

We would also recommend that in future this Committee and the Library Committee be merged as one.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. MERCER,  
J. R. FLAN.

On the motion of M. E. Companion Mercer, seconded by M. E. Companion Flan, it was

RESOLVED that the Report of the Committee on Research and Education be received and adopted.

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#### **REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE**

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee is pleased to report that some use has been made of the Grand Chapter Library during the past year. However, the Companions generally do not seem to appreciate the privileges they are entitled to in being able to borrow books which will give them authentic information regarding the Holy Royal Arch and Masonry as a whole. If constituent Chapters would make more use of the Library, getting some skilled Companions to prepare short addresses on interesting subjects, preferably such as have been referred to in informal discussions which are nearly always cropping up in every Chapter, it would doubtless be for the general welfare of Capitular Masonry.

A few books have been added during the year.

Fraternally submitted,

H. SANDILANDS,  
W. E. MERCER,  
J. R. FLAN.

On the motion of M. E. Companion Sandilands, seconded by M. E. Companion Flan, it was

RESOLVED that the Report of the Library Committee be received and adopted.

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#### **CALLED FROM LABOR**

On the motion of M. E. Companion Minchin, seconded by R. E. Companion Sharp, Grand Chapter adjourned at 12:15 p.m. to meet again at 2:00 p.m.

## LABOR RESUMED

Grand Chapter called from refreshment to labour at 2:25 o'clock p.m.

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### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AUDIT AND FINANCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee have examined the reports of the Grand Scribe E. and the Grand Treasurer, as well as the report of R. E. Companion H. W. Ford, Auditor, for the past year ending February 28th, 1939.

We recommend the acceptance of the Auditor's Report and the payment of \$25.00 to the Auditor for his services in making the audit and report.

We recommend to the Executive Committee of Grand Chapter that R. E. Companion H. W. Ford be continued in office for the ensuing year at the same rate of remuneration.

We recommend that the printing of the "Proceedings" for 1939 be awarded the Albertan Job Press Ltd., on their tender, which is less than last year.

In connection with the "Expense and Revenue" statement, it will be noted that a deficit of \$247.69 is shown, which includes an item of \$107.61 depreciation. Your committee gave this consideration and recommend that for the present year, we do not publish any reviews, which will cut down the cost some \$100.00, and we have reduced the cost of "printing Proceedings," accordingly, in our budget.

There is an item of \$150.00 shown in the budget for payment of \$25.00 to each Grand Superintendent for the year just ended.

When Grand Chapter adopted a resolution in 1924 to provide an allowance to Grand Superintendents, it was with the understanding that payment would only be made providing that each Grand Superintendent attended both sessions of Grand Chapter—the one at which he would be installed and also the one at which his report of activities was presented—this condition has not been enforced, and so we now recommend that in future payment of the allowance be made only to those who do attend, unless in case of illness.

With reference to the last paragraph of the Auditor's report, your committee was informed that this was overlooked by the Grand Z. this year, but recommend that in future a statement be filed with the Grand Scribe E. not later than March the 15th.

In connection with the Auditor's reference to Bekah Chapter, your Committee referred this to the Committee on the Conditions of Capitular Masonry, which will doubtless report on same.

It will be observed that an amount of \$175.00 was paid out for benevolence, whilst another item shows \$225.00 was expended, the latter amount is correct; and the difference is accounted for because a



cheque for \$50.00 was debited to the current account instead of savings, which has since been adjusted.

We commend the Grand Scribe E. and the Grand First Principal in handling the financial affairs of the Grand Chapter so satisfactorily.

In accordance with Clause C, Section 51, of the Constitution, your Committee submit the following estimate of the probable expenses of Grand Chapter for the ensuing year, ending February the 28th, 1940.

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| Bond and Insurance Premiums.....       | \$ 25.08     |
| Office Expense.....                    | 135.00       |
| "Proceedings," less Reviews.....       | 175.00       |
| Grand Chapter Convocation expense..... | 100.00       |
| G.Z.'s Regalia.....                    | 77.00        |
| Salaries, Grand Scribe E.....          | \$600.00     |
| Auditor.....                           | 25.00        |
|                                        | <hr/> 625.00 |
| Travelling Expense:                    |              |
| Grand Z.....                           | \$300.00     |
| Grand Superintendents.....             | 150.00       |
| Grand Lecturer.....                    | 50.00        |
|                                        | <hr/> 500.00 |
| Regalia for re-sale.....               | 100.00       |
| Miscellaneous.....                     | 62.92        |
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| Total.....                             | \$1,800.00   |

All of which is fraternally submitted:

C. H. MINCHIN, *Chairman*.  
H. W. B. BELL,  
C. A. MacPHERSON,  
J. R. FLAN,  
J. A. McGHEE,  
J. V. FOLLETT,  
T. S. JEFFERY.

On the motion of M. E. Companion Minchin, seconded by M. E. Companion Flan, it was

RESOLVED, that the Report of the Committee on Audit and Finance be received and adopted.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY IN ALBERTA

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and  
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee beg to report that we have carefully examined the annual reports of the six Grand Superintendents.

No report was received from four Chapters in District No. 5. The Grand Superintendent states that when he visited No. 16 no meeting was held and he hoped to visit No. 4 and No. 7 in May, if so we are still lacking for his report. No. 7 did not meet at all during the past year. In previous annual reports we note a similar difficulty with

this District, and we feel that with methods of transportation as easy as they are today, any Superintendent should be able to visit each Chapter at least once in 12 months, and we would urge that visits be made as early as possible after Grand Chapter meeting.

As regards Bekah, No. 7, we strongly recommend that the Grand First Principal deal with this Chapter in the manner prescribed in Section No. 175 of the Constitution, or follow the suggestion of this Committee made in 1937 about amalgamation of Chapters.

During the year Coronation Chapter surrendered its charter leaving twenty-nine still on the roll of active Chapters. These have a total membership of 1,798, a decrease of 64 for the year.

Total outstanding dues of \$3,707.90; total members over two years in arrears, 102.

Twenty-two show a total asset over liabilities of \$24,194.91 of which \$3,228.66 is outstanding dues; rather a questionable asset. The amount spent for relief totalled \$143.95.

We recommend that the rank of Past Grand Superintendent be conferred upon:

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|-----------------|------------------|
| 1. W. J. Sharp  | 4. L. W. Bond    |
| 2. E. G. Lamb   | 5. Wm. Marcellus |
| 3. O. W. Harris | 6. R. Knox       |

In view of the loss of Coronation and the possible loss of Bekah Chapters we suggest a re-arrangement of Districts as follows, this change to take place at the beginning of the 1940 Grand Chapter year:

**District No. 1**

- No. 2. North Star
- No. 6. Mount Horeb
- No. 14. Vermilion
- No. 17. Mount Olivet
- No. 25. Stratheona

**District No. 2**

- No. 10. Bow Valley
- No. 21. Strathmore
- No. 19. Hiram
- No. 26. Harmony
- No. 27. Eheyeh
- No. 28. Hanna

**District No. 3**

- No. 1. Alberta
- No. 9. Otuskwan
- No. 11. Calgary
- No. 12. Keystone
- No. 20. Banff
- No. 22. Joseph Stauffer
- No. 24. Crescent

**District No. 4**

- No. 3. Assiniboia
- No. 4. Shekinah
- No. 5. Golden West
- No. 8. Kether
- No. 15. Hillvue
- No. 16. Tau Cross

**District No. 5**

- No. 13. Capital City
- No. 18. Norwood
- No. 29. David Thompson
- No. 30. Edson

Respectfully submitted,

J. V. FOLLETT, *Chairman.*  
J. R. FLAN,  
H. W. B. BELL,  
R. C. RANKIN,  
C. COMBA.

On motion of R. E. Companion Hand, seconded by R. E. Companion Bell, it was

**RESOLVED**, that the Report of the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry be received and adopted.

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#### **REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON WORK**

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

M. E. Sir and Companions:

Your Committee report that the few matters that have come before it have been dealt with satisfactorily.

Fraternally submitted,

J. R. FLAN,  
H. SANDILANDS.

On the motion of M. E. Companion Flan, seconded by M. E. Companion Sandilands, it was

**RESOLVED**, that the Report of the Permanent Committee on Work be received and adopted.

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#### **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS**

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

The Committee on the Grand First Principal's Address, view with gratitude, the abiding enthusiasm so patiently displayed by the Grand First Principal in the execution of a year's arduous duty. We heartily commend him for making so many individual visitations in addition to having attended all six District Meetings, thereby coming in contact with so many Companions.

We note with pleasure and satisfaction the Grand First Principal visited the Grand Chapters of Saskatchewan and Manitoba and congratulate him on his being honored with a life membership in both.

We endorse his welcome to the old timers and young members alike and join with him in the hope that our Twenty-fifth Anniversary will be pleasant and profitable to all.

We concur in the dispensations issued as they appear to be in accordance with the Constitution.

We congratulate those Excellent Companions who have been appointed Grand Representatives near our Grand Chapter and those representing Alberta in other Jurisdictions.

We commend the Grand First Principal for having arranged a special service of praise and thanksgiving, which was held in the Masonic Temple, Edmonton, on December the 11th last, and congratulate Most Ex. Companion Henry Sandilands on his suitable message upon that occasion, we feel sure that Capitular Masonry in the Northern City was enhanced thereby. We endorse his recommendation on this festival that other cities and districts follow the good example.

Your Committee congratulate the Most Excellent Grand First Principal on having associated with him Companions who were so ready and willing to render service to the Royal Craft in these anxious times, and likewise to express to you, Most Excellent Sir, the sincere gratitude of all Companions in the Jurisdiction on the high tone of your address and also for the services you have so energetically and ably rendered during your term of office.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

C. H. MINCHIN,  
H. SANDILANDS,  
W. E. MERCER,  
J. R. FLAN,  
J. V. FOLLETT,  
J. A. MCGHEE,  
E. G. IRONSIDE.

On the motion of M. E. Companion Minchin, seconded by M. E. Companion Sandilands, it was

RESOLVED, that the Report of the Committee on the Grand First Principal's Address be received and adopted.

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#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee has reviewed the Proceedings of our Sister Jurisdictions which have been received and finds, while the decrease in membership continues, it is to some extent becoming smaller and a more optimistic feeling obtains.

With the exception of that long standing dispute between the Grand Chapters of New South Wales and Scotland, there is Harmony throughout the Capitular World.

The matter of the printing of the reviews, we refer to the Committee on Audit and Finance.

Fraternally submitted,

E. G. IRONSIDE, *Chairman*.

On the motion of M. E. Companion E. G. Ironside, seconded by M. E. Companion C. H. Minchin, it was

RESOLVED, that the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence be received and adopted.

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and  
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

We, your Committee on Credentials, beg to report that we have carefully checked the Register of Grand Chapter and have distributed the ballots in accordance with the rules of Grand Chapter.

There are 26 Chapters represented by their Officers, Past Principals and Proxies, with a total of 140 votes.

Fraternally submitted,

F. J. HAND, *Chairman*.

W. L. SHARP,

E. G. LAMB.

On the motion of R. E. Companion F. J. Hand, seconded by R. E. Companion W. L. Sharp, it was

RESOLVED, that the Report of the Committee on Credentials be received and adopted.

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### ADDRESS BY THE GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF MANITOBA

Most Excellent Sir and Companions of the  
Grand Chapter of Alberta:

I feel it an honor and a privilege to represent the Grand Chapter of Manitoba on this the occasion of your Twenty-fifth Anniversary. Birthday, wedding and such anniversaries, strike a responsive chord in the sentimental part of my nature. Recently two fine old friends of mine celebrated their Golden Jubilee, and how happy and proud they were, with family and friends gathered round. Just before I left for the West, I was one of a number who surprised a couple, the husband, by the way, is a very good Mason, with a silver memento of the fact that they had reached their 25th wedding anniversary. My Mother Chapter is celebrating its Golden Jubilee this year, and really celebrating it, so well, that many of our Companions have expressed the thought that the Chapter must have more social functions every year. So, being well in the mood of anniversaries, it affords me a real pleasure to present to this Grand Chapter, the heartiest congratulations and felicitations on behalf of your younger sister jurisdiction—the Grand Chapter of Manitoba. May you, as has been said of knowledge, “grow from more to more,” may your companionship ever be as pleasant as I have found it to be, and may your next 25 years be Bigger in Anticipation, Better in Realization and Brighter in Prospects, than ever.

I am a business man and a Scribe E., these facts naturally tend my particular interests in our Royal Craft, along what might be called the business viewpoint. I do not desire to be misunderstood Most Excellent Sir, that I do not wholly appreciate the wonderful companionship that Capitular Masonry has brought me. I have too many happy thoughts and memories of my own jurisdiction, of the recent Grand

Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan and of this Grand Convocation, to do anything but feel that such companionship is one of the great ends of Capitular Masonry. But I feel to make progress and have success, that we must take thought and care of all details. I have been interested in and listened carefully to all your reports, especially of the Condition of Capitular Masonry. This was a very fine report and shows care, anxiety and consideration where all is not as well as you might desire it to be. I feel that in Manitoba this important work has not been given the consideration it should have and I was an offender when Chairman of this Committee. In Saskatchewan, I listened to the finest report I have ever heard combined with the reports of the Grand Superintendents, it was a real lesson to me and one that I hope to take back to my jurisdiction. And I have learned from your various reports as well.

There is quite a similarity in the reports of the three Prairie Provinces. We seem to have similar problems, similar disappointments and similar prospects. And as problems press, we have to take more notice of them and endeavour to find a remedy or solution of them. Permit me to make a few remarks of our jurisdiction and kindly pardon the use of "I" and "Ours." After I was installed in office, I drew up a chart of every Chapter from the Statistical Reports, from the time our Grand Chapter was instituted. I must confess that I was profoundly disturbed, some of them looked rather shocking to me. I intend, by the way, to send each Chapter a copy of its tabulated report, with the request that it be kept up each year, for the information of its officers. However disturbing these figures were, when I visited the various Chapters and read between the figures their records in other ways, just what some of them had been up against, how they bore their troubles and the real spirit of the Royal Craft exhibited, I felt greatly heartened and enthused and know and feel that with such a spirit, difficulties will be overcome and better days as well. Perhaps you may have a likeness or a profit from the following: A small suburban chapter in a railroad centre, some of the officers driving long distances to attend, and six other city and suburban chapters, sending visitors to every convocation, to help and strengthen a very fine and enthusiastic membership. Another small chapter in a railroad centre, their numbers sorely depleted by railroad changes, but with a spirit, an indomitable spirit, to carry on, proud to say they have a candidate and with a very nice Good Friday Pilgrimage every year, over 60 attended this year. A Past Grand Superintendent of last year, sitting as Master in a Craft Lodge and witnessing 75 Companions coming in as a body as a mark of esteem, to visit his lodge; Chapter visitations in a body to Craft Lodges; uniting with Craft Lodges to attend Divine Service; Companions driving great distances to visit; a chapter with no back dues, no loss in membership in any year, and with arranged visitations to every other Chapter in their district, each time they meet. These are silver rays in the sun shining through the clouds of difficulties. The sun is the giver of all life and so these silver rays point out the way to carry on. And as for the spirit of Capitular Masonry, I have been asked more than once, why there seems to be a finer touch to it in the Royal Craft; I have learned some of the answers to such a query, and I am sure you Companions have as well.

We have been going through a depressive period but it is not unique. Many great statesmen of England are on record, in the past, of the most pessimistic prophecies of wheat the future held and they were proved wrong by subsequent events. Even in the long dead past, in 3068 B.C., the following was written on an ancient papyrus of Egypt.

A few lawless men are depriving the land of sovereignty. The laws are cast out and the men walk upon them in public. The lawmaker is lord of wealth and the rich man has lost all. Scanty is gold, craftsmen are without work, the reaper of the harvests gets nothing (what of this, you who are farmers) while the man that ploweth not, profits. I show you a land turned upside down. If you really want to read about a depression, take up the Volume of the Sacred Law and read of the economic history of Israel after Solomon built the Temple.

You have your fine old pioneers here and we have them on our plains. When one speaks of hard times I always think of a dear old lady in Portage (80 years old), she came to the Plains with a caravan as a young girl, following the trail the soldiers had blazed through the wilderness from Lake Superior on their way to quell the Riel Rebellion. She says they did not have hard times then, they helped each other out, divided their surplus, had simple fare but enough, wonderful dances in the little schoolhouse and the land was good to them. There is a real lesson to be learned from our pioneers though, of course, they did not have the problem of keeping up an auto then. Just a little doggeral

*This old world we're living in,  
Is mighty hard to beat;  
'Tis true the roses have their thorns—  
But ain't the roses sweet?*

There are thorns in our pathway now, but we have all been taught to thank the Great Architect of the Universe for his gifts of the roses of life, and I feel that the wonderful companionship of Capitular Masonry, will hold us together, make the best of what we have and to work and hope for the future.

We are favored in Manitoba at our Grand Convocations with a splendid representation of visitors, especially from our neighbors from the South. Geographically we are well situated in this respect, and we have visitors from the Dakota's, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, and our Western neighbors, Alberta and Saskatchewan. These visitations are the high lights of our Convocation and a real inspiration to us. We enjoyed, Most Excellent Sir, having you with us last February, and to your more than appreciative remarks of your reception there, might I extend our thanks. We ask you to come again, and you, R. E. Companion Bell, must certainly visit us next February and be introduced to even a broader Scotsman than you are, in the person of our Grand H., Jock Sinclair. And this is an invitation that I would like to extend to all present.

It has been my privilege, whilst in Calgary, to see a very fine gentleman and a Mason, George VI, King of Canada, and that most charming and gracious lady, our Queen. They are the heads and the symbols of our British Commonwealth of Nations, a visible tie that binds us. And if we are judged, as they cannot help but be judged, our Democracy is assured. I came into Calgary on a train loaded with the youth of the land, mostly from Hanna, for the great day to see their King and Queen. They were a splendid lot of youngsters, very well behaved and so enthusiastic. I happened to know some of them and in conversing with them and their friends I felt I would like to be a kid again and with them on such an occasion. And looking into their faces, hearing their school yells, listening to them sing, I felt Canada marches on.

I desire to thank you for the privilege of acting as a scrutineer, I had that privilege in Saskatchewan also. And let me again express

my appreciation for your reception and kindness to me. I only knew you, Most Excellent Sir, when I entered this Temple, now I feel I have many kind friends here and many nice expressions of remembrance to take back to your friends of this Grand Convocation in Manitoba. I have kept check of these in writing and will deliver your messages. And as to whither we are going, I like to think of the following lines:

*I know not where the road will lead I follow day by day,  
Or where it ends: I only know I walk the King's Highway.  
I know not if the way is long, and no one else can say;  
But rough or smooth, up hill or down, I walk the King's Highway.  
And some I loved have reached the end, but some with us may stay,  
Their faith and hope still guiding me, I walk the King's Highway.  
The way is truth, the way is love; for light and strength I pray,  
And through the years of life, to God, I walk the King's Highway  
The countless hosts lead on before, I must not fear or stray;  
With them the pilgrims of all creeds, I walk the King's Highway.  
Through light and dark the road leads on 'till dawns the endless day,  
When I shall know why in this life I walk the King's Highway.*

On the motion of M. E. Companion Middleton, seconded by M. E. Companion McGhee, it was

RESOLVED, that Honorary Life Membership in this Grand Chapter be conferred on M. E. Companion Charles E. Cole, with the rank of Past Grand First Principal.

M. E. Companion Cole replied expressing his thanks for the honor conferred on him and said that he expected he would be able to visit with us again, more especially now that he was a member.

### GENERAL BUSINESS

The Grand First Principal requested M. E. Companion Cole and Companion Cameron to act as scrutineers.

The election now took place with the following results:

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| Grand First Principal . . . . .     | M. E. Companion H. W. B. Bell    |
| Grand Second Principal . . . . .    | R. E. Companion W. H. Scott.     |
| Grand Third Principal . . . . .     | R. E. Companion W. B. Way        |
| Grand Treasurer . . . . .           | R. E. Companion T. S. Jeffery    |
| Grand Scribe E. . . . .             | R. E. Companion C. A. MacPherson |
| Grand Scribe N. . . . .             | R. E. Companion W. H. Matthews   |
| Grand Principal Sojourner . . . . . | R. E. Companion G. F. Pauling    |
| Grand Registrar . . . . .           | R. E. Companion H. D. Fawcett    |
| Executive Committee, two-           | R. E. Companion G. L. Tipp       |
| year term . . . . .                 | R. E. Companion F. J. Hand       |
|                                     | R. E. Companion C. Comba         |
|                                     | E. Companion F. G. Young         |

### CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Chapter now adjourned at 5:00 o'clock as the banquet was to be held in Al Azhar Temple at 6:45 o'clock p.m.



**MAY 30th, 1939**  
**LABOR RESUMED**

Grand Chapter resumed labor at 9:45 o'clock a.m.

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**NEXT PLACE OF MEETING**

On the motion of R. E. Companion Scott, seconded by M. E. Companion Minchin, it was

RESOLVED, that Calgary would be the next place of meeting.

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R. E. Companions Sharp, Bond and Knox gave brief reports of their activities as Grand Superintendents.

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**NOTICES OF MOTION**

**Amendments to the Constitution**

Moved by M. E. Companion Flan, seconded by M. E. Companion Minchin, "That Sub-section I of Section 97 be amended by deleting the words 'Thirty-first day of January' and substituting the 'Fifteenth of March'."—Carried.

Moved by R. E. Companion Ford, seconded by M. E. Companion Mercer, "That the last seventeen words of sub-section I of Section 214 be deleted. Change the initial J to K and insert a new sub-section J to read: 'Send the Grand Scribe E., on or before February 28th, the amount of dues and fees required to be sent to Grand Chapter'."—Carried.

Moved by M. E. Companion Sandilands, seconded by R. E. Companion Sharp, "That Section 84 of the Constitution be amended by deleting the whole of Paragraph 3 of Sub-section B. Further that Section 183 be amended by adding 'A Constituent Chapter may at a regular convocation, by a two-thirds majority arrange that its next regular convocation shall be held in another recognized Lodge Room, other than its own, within its territorial jurisdiction, and at such meeting the Mark Master or Most Excellent Master (either or both) may be conferred'."—Carried.

Moved by Ex. Companion Williams, seconded by M. E. Companion Sandilands, "That Section 307 of the Constitution be deleted and the following be substituted therefor: 'The Jewel and Keystone of the Order are to be worn by Companions on the left breast either separately or conjointly on a gilt (or gold) and enamel Circle, suspended by a narrow crimson or white ribbon: for Principals and Past Z.'s of Constituent Chapters crimson ribbon with a centre of light blue one-third the width; and for present and past officers of Grand Chapter it may be tri-color corresponding with the collar; all Jewels to be of gold or gilt'."—Carried.

Moved by M. E. Companion Minchin, seconded by R. E. Companion Bell, "That Section 112 of the Constitution be amended by deleting the words 'Thirty-five Dollars (\$35.00)' and substituting 'Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00)' Therefor."—Carried.

The Notices standing in the names of M. E. Companion Minchin and R. E. Companion Keyte were deferred for one year.

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On the motion of M. E. Companion Minchin, seconded by R. E. Companion Bell, it was

RESOLVED, that the proposed rewording of Sections 164, 196, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, be approved of and that Section 255 have the word "written" inserted before the word ballot in the first line.—Carried.

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On the motion of M. E. Companion Mercer, seconded by M. E. Companion Sandilands, it was

RESOLVED, that the motion laid on the table at the last Convocation, referring to the remission of dues by Grand Chapter to Chapters that have remitted dues to its members, be postponed to some future Convocation.

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On the motion of M. E. Companion Minchin, seconded by M. E. Companion Flan, it was

RESOLVED that \$10.00 be paid to the Grand Tyler for his services at this Convocation.

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On the motion of M. E. Companion Middleton, seconded by M. E. Companion Sandilands, it was

RESOLVED, that this Grand Chapter go on record of expressing its gratitude and appreciation to the Calgary Companions for the excellent programme and sumptuous banquet provided for Grand Chapter's Twenty-fifth Anniversary, and that Grand Chapter take care of any deficit that may have accrued.

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On the motion of M. E. Companion Sandilands, seconded by Ex. Companion Williams, it was

RESOLVED that the fine assessed against Strathcona Chapter be remitted.

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On the motion of M. E. Companion Minchin, seconded by Ex. Companion Williams, it was

RESOLVED, that Grand Scribe E. procure suitable photos of His Majesty King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, to be placed in the official Proceedings of this Grand Convocation along with the resolution of loyalty previously passed.

### INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

|                               |                 |               |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Grand Z.....                  | M. E. Companion | H. W. B. Bell |
| Grand H.....                  | R. E. Companion | W. H. Scott   |
| Grand J.....                  | R. E. Companion | W. B. Way     |
| Grand Supt., District No. 3.. | R. E. Companion | A. G. Ayres   |
| Grand Supt., District No. 4.. | R. E. Companion | H. E. Kelley  |
| Grand Supt., District No. 5.. | R. E. Companion | J. R. Smith   |
| Grand Supt., District No. 6.. | R. E. Companion | J. J. Clarke  |
| Grand Principal Sojourner ... | R. E. Companion | G. F. Pauling |
| Grand Registrar .....         | R. E. Companion | H. D. Fawcett |
| Grand Tyler .....             | V. E. Companion | G. Allen      |

### GRAND CHAPTER CLOSED

The Twenty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta, was closed in AMPLE FORM at 12:50 o'clock p.m.

*Cyril A. MacPherson*

Grand Scribe E.



## RE-WORDING OF SECTIONS

**Section 214**—(i) Prepare and transmit to Grand Scribe E., by registered mail, on or before January 31st of each year, the annual returns of the Chapter and other reports required to be made by the Chapter to Grand Chapter of Grand Scribe E.

(j) Send to Grand Scribe E. on or before February 28th the amount of dues and fees required to be paid to Grand Chapter.

(k) Attest all orders drawn on the Treasurer.

**Section 84**—Delete the whole of Paragraph 3.

**Section 183**—Every Chapter shall hold a Regular Convocation at least once in every three months. A Constituent Chapter may at a Regular Convocation by a two-thirds majority arrange that its next Regular Convocation shall be held in another recognized Lodge Room, other than its own within its territorial jurisdiction, and at such meeting the Mark Master or the Most Excellent Master (either or both) may be conferred.

**Section 112**—The fee to be charged by Chapters in this Jurisdiction for the Capitular Degrees shall not be less than Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00). This is not, however, to apply to serving Companions who may be exalted free of initiation fee, provided that a dispensation be first obtained from the Grand First Principal.

**Section 97**—(i) To send on or before the Fifteenth day of March in each year, to each Chapter and to every Officer of Grand Chapter, copies of all Notices of Motion.

**Section 307**—The Jewel and Keystone of the Order are to be worn by Companions on the left breast either separately or conjointly on a gilt (or gold) and enamel Circle, suspended by a narrow crimson or white ribbon; for Principals and Past Z's of constituent Chapters, crimson ribbon with a centre of light blue, one-third the width; and for present and past Officers of the Grand Chapter it may be tri-color corresponding with the collar; all jewels to be of gold or gilt.

**Section 196**—A Companion suspended by a Chapter for unmasonic conduct or is for some cause under a Masonic disability must, in order to obtain a certificate of standing, apply to that Chapter for restoration in the manner provided by the Constitution.

**Section 250**—Every member of a Chapter neglecting to pay his dues for one year after the date when same are payable by by-law of the Chapter, shall, after notice has been sent to him at his last known address (under double registration) be liable to have his name deleted from the roll of membership for non-payment of dues, providing, however, that the Companion's name and proof of service of the notice shall have first been read in open Chapter. No Chapter shall permit any member to owe more than two years' dues without taking definite action thereon.

**Section 251**—Should the Companion not appear nor furnish a sufficient reason in the opinion of the First Principal for his absence, his name shall then be deleted as a member of the Chapter.

**Section 252**—If, within one year from the date of deletion, the delinquent Companion shall pay the amount due at said date, the First Principal shall, without a vote of the Chapter, declare him re-instated,

which fact shall be entered on the records and the Companion thereupon entered as a member in good standing.

**Section 253**—If such payment be not made within one year of deletion the Companion can only be re-instated by a majority vote of the Chapter, upon a petition therefor and upon payment of such further sum, if any, as the Chapter may require, not in any event to exceed the amount of the Chapter dues for the period during which his name has been dropped. The petition, however, must be presented and acted upon as provided by the Constitution.

**Section 256**—Notice of rejection, expulsion or deletion shall be given forthwith to Grand Scribe E., and to Companion affected and also to any Chapter having concurrent jurisdiction as well as to all Chapters in the district in which the Chapter is situated.

**Section 254**—No Royal Arch Mason of thirty years uninterrupted good standing in this Jurisdiction, shall be subject to discipline for the non-payment of dues. Companions who hailed from a foreign jurisdiction and who, at January 1st, 1935, were exempt from discipline, within the meaning of this Section, shall continue to enjoy such exemption, provided, however, that Companions who were admitted into a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, within what is now known as the Province of Alberta, prior to the formation of this Grand Jurisdiction, shall, if their membership be uninterrupted, be deemed members of this Grand Jurisdiction as from the date of such admission.

**Section 255**—Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, a Chapter may, by a majority vote, by written ballot, of the members present at a Regular Convocation remit the dues of any member provided that notice of motion to this effect has been given at a preceding Convocation and is placed upon the summons for the next Regular Convocation. This shall also apply to members whose names have been dropped for the non-payment of dues and such motion, if adopted, shall restore these members to good standing.

**Add to Section 164**—No elective officer may be invested by proxy. Dispensation shall not be necessary to invest an appointed officer out of time.

### GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS SINCE ORGANIZATION MAY 19th, 1914

|                      |      |                        |      |
|----------------------|------|------------------------|------|
| *S. Y. Taylor.....   | 1914 | *W. M. McNab.....      | 1927 |
| *J. N. Rankin.....   | 1915 | *F. S. Selwood.....    | 1928 |
| F. S. Watson.....    | 1916 | J. R. Flan.....        | 1929 |
| *R. Patterson.....   | 1917 | J. W. G. Morrison..... | 1930 |
| *A. R. Dickson.....  | 1918 | J. A. McGhee.....      | 1931 |
| M. M. Downey.....    | 1919 | J. V. Follett.....     | 1932 |
| N. T. Macleod.....   | 1920 | A. West.....           | 1933 |
| *H. Darling.....     | 1921 | A. Davison.....        | 1934 |
| G. B. McLeod.....    | 1922 | W. E. Mercer.....      | 1935 |
| W. T. Coote.....     | 1923 | H. Sandilands.....     | 1936 |
| J. E. Johnson.....   | 1924 | C. H. Minchin.....     | 1937 |
| S. H. Middleton..... | 1925 | A. B. McCurdy.....     | 1938 |
| E. G. Ironside.....  | 1926 | H. W. B. Bell.....     | 1939 |

### HONORARY PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS

|                       |                  |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| J. F. Yorke.....      | Saskatchewan     |
| D. F. Adams.....      | British Columbia |
| G. C. Burgess.....    | Saskatchewan     |
| H. de Roche.....      | Saskatchewan     |
| *A. Little.....       | Manitoba         |
| H. L. Adolph.....     | Manitoba         |
| *R. J. F. Coster..... | Saskatchewan     |
| J. F. Dart.....       | Manitoba         |
| J. F. Irwin.....      | Manitoba         |
| E. R. Wylie.....      | Saskatchewan     |
| F. E. Doull.....      | Saskatchewan     |
| T. S. Cook.....       | Manitoba         |
| W. B. Saunders.....   | Wyoming          |
| W. B. Hooker.....     | Saskatchewan     |
| E. T. Johnson.....    | Manitoba         |
| S. D. Cruden.....     | Manitoba         |

### HONORARY MEMBERS

|                   |          |
|-------------------|----------|
| Geo. Syme.....    | Manitoba |
| Chas E. Cole..... | Manitoba |

### GRAND SCRIBES E.

|                       |             |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| M. M. Downey.....     | 1914 - 1916 |
| J. E. Johnson.....    | 1917 - 1921 |
| E. G. Ironside.....   | 1922 - 1924 |
| *C. R. Wentzel.....   | 1925 - 1932 |
| C. A. MacPherson..... | 1933 - 1939 |

\* Deceased.

## CHAPTERS BY MASONIC DISTRICTS

### District No. 1

Grand Superintendent, R. E. Companion J. A. Dunn  
Address: 9848-86th Ave., Edmonton

|        |                   |            |
|--------|-------------------|------------|
| No. 2  | North Star.....   | Edmonton   |
| No. 6  | Mount Horeb.....  | Wetaskiwin |
| No. 14 | Vermilion.....    | Vermilion  |
| No. 17 | Mount Olivet..... | Killam     |
| No. 25 | Stratheona.....   | Edmonton   |

### District No. 2

Grand Superintendent, R. E. Companion W. A. Irving  
Address: Drumheller

|        |             |            |
|--------|-------------|------------|
| No. 19 | Hiram.....  | Youngstown |
| No. 27 | Eheyeh..... | Drumheller |
| No. 28 | Hanna.....  | Hanna      |

### District No. 3

Grand Superintendent, R. E. Companion A. G. Ayles  
Address: Red Deer

|        |                      |            |
|--------|----------------------|------------|
| No. 5  | Golden West.....     | High River |
| No. 11 | Calgary.....         | Calgary    |
| No. 12 | Keystone.....        | Red Deer   |
| No. 20 | Banff.....           | Banff      |
| No. 22 | Joseph Stauffer..... | Didsbury   |
| No. 24 | Crescent.....        | Calgary    |

### District No. 4

Grand Superintendent, R. E. Companion H. E. Kelley  
Address: 123-7th Ave. N E., Calgary

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|--------|-----------------|------------|
| No. 1  | Alberta.....    | Calgary    |
| No. 9  | Otuskwan.....   | Calgary    |
| No. 10 | Bow Valley..... | Gleichen   |
| No. 21 | Strathmore..... | Strathmore |
| No. 26 | Harmony.....    | Bassano    |

### District No. 5

Grand Superintendent, R. E. Companion J. R. Smith  
Address: Blairmore

|        |                 |               |
|--------|-----------------|---------------|
| No. 3  | Assiniboia..... | Medicine Hat  |
| No. 4  | Shekinah.....   | Lethbridge    |
| No. 7  | Bekah.....      | Macleod ✓     |
| No. 8  | Kether.....     | Pincher Creek |
| No. 15 | Hillvue.....    | Hillcrest     |
| No. 16 | Tau Cross.....  | Claresholm    |

### District No. 6

Grand Superintendent, R. E. Companion J. J. Clarke  
Address: 11436-94th Street, Edmonton

|        |                     |          |
|--------|---------------------|----------|
| No. 13 | Capital City.....   | Edmonton |
| No. 18 | Norwood.....        | Edmonton |
| No. 29 | David Thompson..... | Jasper   |
| No. 30 | Edson.....          | Edson    |

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

*President*—R. E. Companion W. Hudson Scott, Grand H.

M. E. Companion H. W. B. Bell, Grand Z.

R. E. Companion W. B. Way.....Grand J.  
 R. E. Companion J. A. Dunn.....Grand Supt. Dist. No. 1  
 R. E. Companion W. A. Irving.....Grand Supt. Dist. No. 2  
 R. E. Companion A. G. Ayres.....Grand Supt. Dist. No. 3  
 R. E. Companion H. E. Kelley.....Grand Supt. Dist. No. 4  
 R. E. Companion J. R. Smith.....Grand Supt. Dist. No. 5  
 R. E. Companion J. J. Clarke.....Grand Supt. Dist. No. 6  
 R. E. Companion T. S. Jeffery.....Grand Treasurer  
 R. E. Companion C. A. MacPherson.....Grand Scribe E. (Secretary)  
 R. E. Companion W. H. Matthews.....Grand Scribe N.

### ELECTED BY GRAND LODGE

R. E. Companion F. J. Hand.....Two Years  
 R. E. Companion G. L. Tipp.....Two Years  
 R. E. Companion C. Comba.....Two Years  
 V. E. Companion F. G. Young.....Two Years  
 R. E. Companion R. C. Rankin.....One Year  
 R. E. Companion J. E. Rannard.....One Year  
 R. E. Companion J. L. Clarke.....One Year  
 V. E. Companion G. B. Thorn.....One Year

### APPOINTED OFFICERS

Grand Lecturer.....M. E. Companion J. R. Flan  
 Grand Senior Sojourner.....V. E. Companion A. Cherry  
 Grand Junior Sojourner.....V. E. Companion T. E. Wright  
 Grand Sword Bearer.....V. E. Companion A. W. Lailey  
 Grand Master, 1st Veil.....V. E. Companion R. P. Umbrite  
 Grand Master 2nd Veil.....V. E. Companion W. J. Martin  
 Grand Master 3rd Veil.....V. E. Companion C. R. Nash  
 Grand Master, 4th Veil.....V. E. Companion H. H. Bieber  
 Grand Dr. of Ceremonies.....V. E. Companion G. B. Thorn  
 Grand Organist.....V. E. Companion F. G. Young  
 Grand Pursuivant.....V. E. Companion G. E. Hutchinson  
 Grand Steward.....V. E. Companion W. J. Ebdon  
 Grand Steward.....V. E. Companion C. R. Summerhays  
 Grand Steward.....V. E. Companion W. Malin  
 Grand Steward.....V. E. Companion W. J. Hartrick  
 Grand Tyler.....V. E. Companion G. Allen



## SUB-COMMITTEES

### Grand First Principal's Address

All Past Grand First Principals; C. H. Minchin, *Chairman*.

### Credentials

R. E. Companion F. J. Hand, *Chairman*; All Grand Superintendents.

### Warrants

M. E. Companion W. T. Coote, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions M. M. Downey, J. W. G. Morrison, J. A. McGhee; R. E. Companions C. Comba, G. L. Tipp.

### Condition of Capitular Masonry

M. E. Companion J. V. Follett, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions W. T. Coote, S. H. Middleton, J. R. Flan; R. E. Companions R. C. Rankin, C. Comba, E. Companion F. G. Young.

### Jurisprudence

M. E. Companion J. W. G. Morrison, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions M. M. Downey, G. B. McLeod, J. R. Flan, A. West, W. T. Coote; R. E. Companion F. J. Hand.

### Audit and Finance

M. E. Companion C. H. Minchin, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions J. V. Follett, J. R. Flan, J. A. McGhee, A. West, A. Davison; R. E. Companions C. A. MacPherson, T. S. Jeffery, J. L. Clarke; E. Companion F. G. Young.

### Grievances and Appeals

M. E. Companion W. E. Mercer, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions J. A. McGhee, G. B. McLeod; R. E. Companions J. E. Rannard, J. L. Clarke, W. H. Matthews.

### Benevolence

M. E. Companion J. R. Flan, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions M. M. Downey, S. H. Middleton, E. G. Ironside, J. A. McGhee, A. West, W. E. Mercer; R. E. Companions R. C. Rankin, W. B. Way.

### Fraternal Dead

R. E. Companion W. B. Way, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions M. M. Downey, S. H. Middleton, H. Sandilands; E. Companion G. B. Thorn.

**Foreign Correspondence**

M. E. Companion E. G. Ironside, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions J. W. G. Morrison, J. V. Follett, A. West, W. E. Mercer, H. Sandilands, C. H. Minchin.

**Permanent Committee on Work**

M. E. Companion J. R. Flan, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions S. H. Middleton, H. Sandilands, R. E. Companion C. A. MacPherson.

**Library Research and Education**

M. E. Companion H. Sandilands, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions J. R. Flan, W. E. Mercer, S. H. Middleton, J. W. G. Morrison.

**Committee on Forms**

R. E. Companion F. J. Hand, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions A. West, J. V. Follett.

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**NEXT PLACE OF MEETING**

The Twenty-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta will be held in the City of Calgary, on Wednesday, the 8th day of May, 1940.

C. A. MacPHERSON,  
*Grand Scribe E.*

# **GRAND SECRETARIES OF GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS**

| Grand Chapter        | Name                          | Address                                                    |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| Alabama              | Guy T. Smith                  | Masonic Temple, Montgomery                                 |
| Arizona              | Harry A. Drachman             | Tucson, Box 238                                            |
| Arkansas             | John Q. Wolf                  | Batesville                                                 |
| British Columbia     | F. C. Bird                    | 535 Georgia St., Vancouver.                                |
| California           | Thomas A. Davies              | San Francisco, Rm 432, Mas. Temple                         |
| Canada               | Edwin Smith                   | Toronto, 708 Temple Bldg                                   |
| Colorado             | C. A. Patton                  | 319 Masonic Temple, Denver                                 |
| Connecticut          | W. E. Cort                    | Masonic Temple, New Haven                                  |
| Delaware             | John W. Macklem               | Wilmington, Box 94                                         |
| District of Columbia | J. Claude Keiner              | Washington, Masonic Temple                                 |
| England              | Sydney A. White               | Freemasons' Hall                                           |
| Florida              | Cary B. Fish                  | 233, Palm Ave., Sarasota                                   |
| Georgia              | William J. Penn Jr.           | Macon                                                      |
| Idaho                | Edward H. Way                 | Boise, Box 1203                                            |
| Illinois             | J. E. Core                    | Springfield, Box 565.                                      |
| Indiana              | Charles C. Thomas             | Marion                                                     |
| Iowa                 | George F. Masters             | Glenwood                                                   |
| Ireland              | Henry C. Shellard, Gd. Reg.   | Dublin, Freemasons' Hall                                   |
| Kansas               | Elmer F. Strain               | Masonic Temple, Topeka                                     |
| Kentucky             | Ray C. Tipton                 | Irvine                                                     |
| Louisiana            | Chas C Brown                  | 302 Masonic Temple, New Orleans                            |
| Maine                | Convers E. Leach              | Masonic Temple, Portland                                   |
| Manitoba             | George Symes, G.S.E.          | Winnipeg, Masonic Temple                                   |
| Maryland             | Chas H. Welden                | Masonic Temple, Baltimore                                  |
| Massachusetts        | Raymond T. Sewell             | Boston, Rm 209, Masonic Temple                             |
| Michigan             | Charles A. Connover           | Coldwater, 95 W. Chicago St.                               |
| Minnesota            | J. H. Anderson (Acting)       | St. Paul, Mas Temple, 6th and Smith                        |
| Mississippi          | Sid. F. Curtis                | Meridian                                                   |
| Missouri             | Ray V. Denslow                | Trenton                                                    |
| Montana              | Luther T. Hauberg             | Helena, Box 896                                            |
| Nebraska             | Lewis E. Smith                | Omaha, Rm. 401, Masonic Temple                             |
| Nevada               | E. C. Paterson                | Carson                                                     |
| New Brunswick        | R. E. Crawford                | St. John Masonic Temple                                    |
| New Hampshire        | J. M. Dresser                 | Concord, 44 South Main St.                                 |
| New Jersey           | Charles D. McCracken          | Lambertville, 5 Jefferson St.                              |
| New Mexico           | Alpheus A. Keen               | Albuquerque, Box 535                                       |
| New South Wales      | Frederick R. Sinden           | Sydney, 160 Castlereagh St.                                |
| New York             | Charles C. Hunt               | New York City, Masonic Hall                                |
| New Zealand          | F. J. Rea                     | Masonic Chambers, Wellington                               |
| North Carolina       | William R. Smith              | Raleigh                                                    |
| North Dakota         | Walter L. Stockwell           | Fargo                                                      |
| Nova Scotia          | J. McG. Rutherford            | Halifax, N.S.                                              |
| Ohio                 | Mont C. Hambricht             | Springfield                                                |
| Oklahoma             | James A. Lathim               | Muskogee                                                   |
| Oregon               | D. Rufus Cheney               | Portland, Masonic Temple                                   |
| Pennsylvania         | Joseph E. Quinby              | Philadelphia, Masonic Temple,<br>Broad and Filbert Streets |
| Queensland           | S. W. Coulter                 | Box 425F, G.P.O.                                           |
| Quebec               | William W. Williamson, G.S.E. | Montreal, Box 3172                                         |
| Rhode Island         | Wilbur A. Scott               | Pawtucket                                                  |
| Saskatchewan         | Francis B. Reilly, G.S.E.     | Regina, 312 Westman Chambers.                              |
| Scotland             | George A. Howell, G.S.E.      | Edinburgh, 76 Queen Street.                                |
| South Carolina       | O. Frank Hart                 | Columbia                                                   |
| South Dakota         | W. D. Swain                   | Masonic Temple, Sioux Falls                                |
| Tennessee            | Thomas E. Doss                | Nashville, Scottish Rite Temple                            |
| Texas                | Thomas M. Bartley             | Waco                                                       |
| Utah                 | J. W. Beless                  | Masonic Temple, Salt Lake City                             |
| Vermont              | Archie S. Harriman            | Burlington, Masonic Temple                                 |
| Victoria             | H. O. Thomas                  | Melbourne, 164 Flinders St                                 |
| Virginia             | James M. Clift                | Masonic Temple, Richmond                                   |
| Washington           | Wesley C. Stone               | Spokane, 401 Hyde Bldg                                     |
| West Australia       | H. C. Anderson                | 65 St. George's Terrace, Perth                             |
| West Virginia        | George M. Ford                | Wheeling, P.O. Box 643                                     |
| Wisconsin            | William F. Weiler             | Milwaukee, 790 Van Buren Street                            |
| Wyoming              | Richard H. Repath             | Cheyenne, Box 816                                          |
| G. G. Chap. U.S.A.   | Charles A. Connover           | Coldwater, 95 W. Chicago Street                            |
| G. Lodge M.M.M.      |                               |                                                            |
| England-Wales        | T. G. L. Lumley-Smith         | London, W.C., Mark Masons' Hall                            |

\*Deceased

# GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

| To                  | Residence       | Grand Chapter        | From              | Residence  |
|---------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-------------------|------------|
| M. Harvey Kidd      | Sheffield       | Alabama              | Geo. Blyth        | Edmonton   |
| E. H. McEachern     | Miami           | Arizona              |                   |            |
| J. W. Best          | Newport         | Arkansas             | W. H. Scott       | Vermilion  |
| W. H. Trench        | Vancouver       | British Columbia     | H. Sandilands     | Edmonton   |
| C. H. King          | Sebastopol      | California           | M. B. Peacock     | Calgary    |
| J. M. Empey         | Mitchell, Ont.  | Canada               | F. S. Watson      | Edmonton   |
| R. B. Adams         | Denver          | Colorado             | W. E. G. Anderson | Drumheller |
| F. E. Bartholmew    | Lakeville       | Connecticut          | G. F. Milligan    | Calgary    |
| J. W. Macklem       | Wilmington      | Delaware             | G. W. Elliott     | Edmonton   |
| G. H. Stiles        | Washington      | District of Columbia | J. W. G. Morrison | Vermilion  |
| C. R. Horne         | Dunallon        | Florida              | G. E. Cruickshank | Hillcrest  |
| Zach Arnold         | Fort Gaines     | Georgia              | J. R. Donaldson   | Bassano    |
| Roy V. Locey        | Weiser          | Idaho                | R. Knox           | Edson      |
| D. Baxter           | Chicago         | Illinois             | R. C. Rankin      | Calgary    |
| R. M. H. Britton    | Terra Haute     | Indiana              | A. West           | Edmonton   |
| W. E. Gillette      | Missouri Valley | Iowa                 | V. W. Wright      | Edmonton   |
| W. McMahon          | Armagh          | Ireland              | C. H. Minchin     | Calgary    |
| La Velle C. Hicks   | Salina          | Kansas               | F. V. Truesdale   | Calgary    |
| S. K. Veach         | Carlisle        | Kentucky             | W. S. Cameron     | Drumheller |
| L. A. Haas          | Opelousas       | Louisiana            | E. A. Shaw        | Jasper     |
| G. W. Williams      | Waterville      | Maine                | A. T. Spankie     | Calgary    |
| A. R. Judson        | Dauphin         | Manitoba             | J. M. Donaldson   | Calgary    |
| R. Danzer           | Hagerstown      | Maryland             | W. E. Mercer      | Strathmore |
| R. W. Oliver        | Charlestown     | Massachusetts        | W. B. Way         | High River |
| W. E. Zimmer        | Mason           | Michigan             | J. R. Flan        | Calgary    |
| A. D. McCormick     | Minneapolis     | Minnesota            | J. L. Clarke      | Didsbury   |
| A. M. Lyell         | Greenville      | Mississippi          | A. Robinson       | Edmonton   |
| C. I. Fichtorn      | Marshall        | Missouri             | C. A. MacPherson  | Calgary    |
| D. Craig            | Conrad          | Montana              | J. Cleave         | Calgary    |
| H. Gesanter, Dr.    | Omaha           | Nebraska             | E. G. Ironside    | Calgary    |
| W. Jones            | Ely             | Nevada               | O. J. Barker      | Edmonton   |
| F. M. Tweedie       | Chatham         | New Brunswick        | R. Lambertson     | Edmonton   |
| W. B. Randall       | Portsmouth      | New Hampshire        | F. Milne          | Calgary    |
| W. H. Pike          | Newark          | New Jersey           | W. T. Coote       | Edmonton   |
| H. H. Errett        | Clayton         | New Mexico           | G. L. Tipp        | Edmonton   |
| C. D. Abbott        | Sydney          | New South Wales      | H. C. Neal        | Edmonton   |
| R. Marlowe          | Elmira          | New York             | G. B. McLeod      | Edmonton   |
| R. W. Stiles        | Nelson          | New Zealand          | F. Mayer          | Edmonton   |
| J. E. Allen         | Warrenton       | North Carolina       | T. S. Jeffery     | Calgary    |
| L. Eugene Lester    | Wahpeton        | North Dakota         | J. G. Harrison    | Drumheller |
| J. E. Phinney       | Middleton       | Nova Scotia          | P. A. Moncreiff   | Calgary    |
| I. Stafford         | Cleveland       | Ohio                 | J. Richardson     | Edmonton   |
| E. P. Gallup        | Oklahoma        | Oklahoma             | J. V. Follett     | Calgary    |
| E. L. Weider        | Salem           | Oregon               | J. A. McGhee      | Didsbury   |
| W. R. Roe           | Philadelphia    | Pennsylvania         | H. W. Ford        | Calgary    |
| W. J. Edwards       | Coaticook       | Quebec               | A. B. McCurdy     | Edmonton   |
| R. L. H. Peterson   | Brisbane        | Queensland           | C. Scaiffe        | Calgary    |
| H. G. Heath         | Hope Valley     | Rhode Island         |                   |            |
| J. E. McLarty       | Denhelm         | Saskatchewan         | A. Davison        | Calgary    |
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## *Masonic Calendar and Rules for Masonic Dates*

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### ANCIENT CRAFT MASONRY—

Commence their era with the creation of the world, calling it Anno Lucis (A.L.) "in the year of Light." To get the present date add 4,000 years to the common era—1939 and 4,000 equal to 5,939.

### ROYAL ARCH—

Date from the year in which the Temple was commenced by Zerubbabel Anno Inventionis (A. I.) "in the year of discovery." Add 530 to the vulgar era—1939 and 530 equal to 2,469.

### ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS—

Date from the year in which the Temple of Solomon was completed—Anno Depositionis (A. Dep.) "in the year of the deposit." Add 1,000 to the common era, thus: 1939 and 1,000 equal to 2,939.

### KNIGHTS TEMPLAR—

Commence their era with the organization of their order Anno Ordinis (A. O.) "in the year of the Order." From the Christian era take 1,118, thus: 1939 less 1,118 equal to 821.

### ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD—

Date from the year of the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest Melchisedek—Anno Benefacio (A. B.). To the Christian era add 1913, thus: 1939 and 1913 equal to 3,852

### SCOTTISH RITE—

Same as Ancient Craft Masonry—except the Jewish chronology is used—Anno Mundi (A.M.) "in the year of the world." To get the common era add 3,760, thus: 1939 and 3,760 equal to 5,699. After September add another year.

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**R. E. Comp. G. F. Pauling** ..... **Grand Principal Sojourner**

**R. E. Comp. H. D. Fawcett** ..... **Grand Registrar**

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The Twenty-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta will be held in the City of Calgary, on Wednesday, the 8th day of May, 1940.

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